

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there a national market for grain? And I'm talking about prices now.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say so, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there a Nebraska market for grain where the price, at least in parts of Nebraska will be different from the national or the international price?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, markets are in themselves worldwide. We have regional markets and local markets, state markets. I don't know how you define a market in your terms.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but there are different markets and the prices would vary?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you saying that this company, once it starts, would be able to get corn cheaper in Nebraska than anywhere else, therefore they've guaranteed that they are going to take this number of millions of bushels from Nebraska farmers. Is that a part of the deal? They guarantee that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't know that they would guarantee where they would get the corn from. The thing is you can't necessarily say that it's cheaper. You go where there is market availability of corn.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Right. So we want to get them away from being able to say they can shop somewhere else. If the state is going to be asked to guarantee them a certain amount of financial benefit, why not in return will this company not guarantee to take a certain number of millions of bushels from Nebraska farmers?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it's...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wait a minute, let me ask the first question. Is your aim to benefit Cargill or to benefit Nebraska farmers?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say Nebraska farmers...