

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then if a binding...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and it's citizens too...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: From (inaudible) jobs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a binding obligation in terms of financial commitment would wind up being imposed on the state or accepted by the state, why should not a binding commitment be placed on Cargill to purchase a certain number of millions of bushels from the farmers of Nebraska?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I suppose they could try. It's generally felt, by the way, that they would take about 40 percent, at a minimum, of corn would be Nebraska corn and at a minimum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they're not willing to guarantee that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I haven't been in those discussions directly myself.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who has been in the discussions?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The Governor and local people from Nebraska City.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did the Governor discuss with you when he asked...did he ask you to bring this resolution?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did he discuss with you the obligation that Cargill would undertake with reference to the purchase of corn from Nebraska farmers?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We didn't discuss that specifically other than just what I said that it would generally be considered. They're going to take from the market that's locally available. They're not going to be located in Nebraska and be justifi...be able to haul corn from a long distance. They're going to get corn where it's available. I think it's only logical that a large amount of it would be within a 100 miles of the plant and