

some benefits to a multinational corporation. When other countries have surplus in their grains their prices internally don't depress, their internal prices stay up, the government subsidizes that surplus and dumps it on the international market. In this country, they keep the prices internally high by directly subsidizing the farmer. They set these target prices. They set these loan rates. They give direct payments through this deficiency program which is money to be spent any way the farmer chooses. And when it comes to that kind of largess of farmer welfare 12 percent of the operations take 43 percent of the farmer welfare given by the federal government.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you begin to see how these welfare programs to farming have skewed the market in this country and makes America unable to compete internationally, you begin to see why other countries are going to say, cut that stuff out and they're going to make American do it through the GAT agreement. Cargill is going to feel it because they're sensitive to these changes in the international market. Then we're going to have people on the floor of the Legislature saying, I didn't know that. I thought we were getting a company that was going to buy all of this grain, give all of these jobs and it would be a plus for us but I see it's turning out to be a negative. My words are on the record, I can't support this amendment, this resolution, as drafted.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President and members of the body, I stood back here and heard Senator Chambers rant and rave, wave his hands and say how bad it is. But you know he didn't do that when we gave a million bucks, a million dollars to north Omaha last year for businesses, for new businesses, no guarantee of return. He didn't say anything when we gave them another million dollars this year for new business in north Omaha. No, he didn't say anything about that. Well, to me, that's the same thing as trying to help out the farmer. If we're going to give one or two million to north Omaha to help Senator Chambers, we can give the same amount or more to help the farmer. Now who do you suppose is on the board of directors in north Omaha to help spend this money? Senator Chambers is on that board of directors to help spend this money. Now what do you suppose