

the floor. I'm not critical of you for that, I'm just reminding you of it. The point I want to make is this that if we're ever going to do any good in Nebraska relative to increasing the economy, improving the economy of this state, it's got to be tied to agriculture. If, in fact, there was a chance to bring...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...an investment of this size to Nebraska that made widgets, this entire body would be up and supporting it whether it was in my district or anyone else's district. In this case, they show some interest in southeast Nebraska. I would prefer it were central Nebraska. I would prefer it were Bellwood, but it's not. So, for whatever reasons they have expressed an interest in that area, they're going to buy corn on the market and I would hope they would buy mostly Nebraska corn but that remains to be seen. There are some possibilities, and I think that all of the people who have been active in this program know that, there are some possibilities that we can perhaps legislatively define that tax credits might be best utilized if the product is from Nebraska. But a kernel of corn from Nebraska looks a lot like a kernel of corn from Iowa and we're going to have a lot of difficulty in that. The facts are that there has been a substantial ethanol industry, operation in Iowa, operation in other states east of us that has been beneficial to the corn producers of Nebraska so that wherever those plants are built they do contribute to the economy of Nebraska. Ladies and gentlemen, I just want to make one more remark and that is I know that all of you received, from our Director of Agriculture, Mr. Sitzman, a letter yesterday which I think was one of the best letters I have read in a long, long time, if not forever, relative to the true situation of Nebraska's economy as it relates to farmers. I copied that letter because I spoke to some of you who had not seen your own letter and I copied my own remarks and sent it out for you to read yesterday. I think that we have to recognize that the business of Nebraska, no matter how industrially organized you are, how professionally oriented you are, the business of Nebraska are livestock and commodities. And if you can add a dollar a 100 to the price of cattle, you add tens of millions of dollars to the economy of this state. If you add 10 cents a bushel to the commodities of this state, you add another \$80 million to the economy of this state. Those are significant figures, ladies and gentlemen, and they increase the ability of