

ordinarily be in a position to respond. Far more money, Senator Haberman, if you check the record, has gone into rural Nebraska than has ever gone into north Omaha. And if you want to make it a tit-for-tat trade and say that north Omaha will get no more than the rest of the state, I'm more than willing to make such a trade. So for you to bring something up like you did this morning is facetious, it's irrelevant, it's designed probably...well, I won't say what it's designed for because I'm not inside your mind, but far more money has gone into your area than has gone into mine or will ever go into mine. One reason, Senator Haberman, I'm on the board is because your former Governor Orr had such confidence in me she insisted that I be on there to make sure that the money is properly spent. As a result of my being on the board, certain projects that look like they smack of friendship or that cronyism were dismissed out of hand but had I not been there they would have gone through. And any time Senator Haberman would like to come to Omaha and visit the site of where that program is located, I will make sure I'm there with him. Any program or project that we have funded, I will walk him through it or have somebody walk him through it in nauseating detail to make sure he understands where every penny has gone. Senator Haberman also will learn, as he probably is unaware right now, that that is not a grant program, Senator Haberman, these are loans which must be paid back and more is required from the people who make application than probably is required when they go to a bank. So this is probably going to be one of the most successful programs that this Legislature has ever funded. And, Senator Haberman, I'm going to take my credit for having helped make it a success and I'm going to express my appreciation to my colleagues who did vote to fund such a program. But, to get back to what I was discussing, that Senator Haberman must have missed, is that Cargill, Senator Haberman, would wield tremendous influence if it established its plant in this state. In the same way that ConAgra bludgeoned you into...they didn't bludgeon you into submission...I guess he's drinking coffee, bludgeoned him into submission, Cargill will do it also. But what I was emphasizing, and it seems that Senator Haberman would agree, is that we should insist on some assurances from Cargill that they are going to purchase corn from Nebraska farmers. Senator Haberman, let me ask you a question. Would you answer it?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Sure will. I'll try, Ernie.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Haberman, do you think I'm working in