

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and perhaps they'll control from market to retail distribution, perhaps they will control hotels and motels that utilize agricultural products, maybe they will control processing plants, perhaps they will control railway cars, and all the way across the board, this is not a good thing to be done without much more careful consideration than we are able to give it. But I have some questions that I want to raise specifically about 829, which I can't at this point, so I will turn my light on and give back what little time I may have on this one.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The Chair recognizes Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the body. I have not spoken on this bill, as many of you know, since it first was brought to the floor. I was joking with some people over the weekend. They had always called me a gabby person in school, but I reminded them that although I used to talk a lot, one of my teachers told me one time if I'd listen more and talk less, I'd get to be a better student, so I've tried to adopt that type of philosophy. The only reason I arose up this morning to speak to this bill is that most of you know I've supported this bill from the beginning, and the reason I have is because even though Nebraska is an agriculture state, and we all accept that, it is my considered opinion that agriculture can no longer support the economy of this state. I think that if I could get an amendment to the bill, as Senator Wesely tried, to raise the price of corn to \$4 a bushel, and beans to \$10 a bushel, and so forth, I think that we could...agriculture could support this state without any help, outside help. But everybody knows that can't be, and if I had that kind of an amendment, I'm sure it would meet the same fate that Senator Wesely's bill met. You don't have to like this bill. You don't have to like the idea that we have to entice companies to come to Nebraska by giving them certain benefits, but you have to remember that if we are going to level the playing field, we don't have any choice. Other states are doing this. It would be my preference that no state would provide any kind of incentives and that companies would come into a state because they liked the water, they liked the air, they liked the people, they liked the work ethic, and they came there because