

moving across state lines as any different than the tax that it placed upon the same commodity within the confines of a single state. And this is probably about as good a language as what we can ever find to address the issue of having grain having the 50 cent a bushel plus credit claimed against it and having no excise tax at all levied on it. We're not going to get every bushel of grain in Minnesota, and we really only have two that this applies to, Minnesota Corn Processors and the Cargill plant at Blair, which are going to be in the future the major utilizers of corn in Nebraska. It's one of those things I think we have to live with and I would encourage the adoption of the Warner amendment to 377. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Senator Withem and members. I rise in support of the amendment. I also once again just want to also rise to clarify a little something that Senator McKenzie pointed out, and I agree with her. But sometimes when we who are in agriculture make a statement, those who are not in agriculture don't understand the full picture. Yes, a farmer could haul their corn and avoid the excise tax by hauling it to Kansas. But there is quite a big difference between what Cargill can do, as far as owning their own trucks and owning their own rail cars and the cost of doing that. Your typical farmer either is going to have to own their own large trucks or hire someone to haul that to Kansas where they would then haul it to Kansas and pay a half a cent check-off. So it's...I don't want anyone to be left with the impression that it would be pretty easy for Nebraska farmers to just avoid this and haul their corn to another state. The likelihood of that being, making any economic sense is very small, if it even exists. And so I just also wanted to make that clarification for those of you who maybe don't understand what happens when farmers need to sell their grain. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. There are no further lights on, Senator Warner, would you like to close on your amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly. As indicated, the amendment is an attempt to clarify the intent of what we're doing and make it more specific. Certainly if there are better ways to do it, more effective ways to do it, a less cumbersome way to do it I'm sure that any of us that are interested in the bill would be willing to look at