

that some people have said is such a good deal for farmers. Maybe my...you know, I'm having trouble with the math, but I don't see it that way. However, as a community in the...in Hastings, we see it as a very good deal because it's economic development. We're going to see with the second plant coming on line about the increase of 55 jobs, and so that goes back to what I was saying earlier, that I think that it is economic development as far as new jobs and a number of those things that it brings into a community. But I just don't want people to have the false impression that it's, what I heard some of my urban friends saying, a really good deal for farmers. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHROCK: I support the bill, I urge you to vote for it. I would just tell you that we are plowing fresh ground again because it appears that we'll be the only major corn producing state that has a tax on farmers to support the ethanol industry.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Further discussion? Senator McKenzie, closing? Closing is waived. Question is the advancement of LB 377 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 377 is advanced. LB 275, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 275 was introduced by Senator Pedersen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 10th, referred to the General Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper, committee amendments, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. The committee amendments they strike the entire bill and insert new sections. And basically what we did, we moved...we put the provision concerning the Nebraska Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling and we transferred their functions to the Department of Public Institutions. That was a compromise worked