

gets exported. I doubt whether this affects the price of corn in my area one-half percent. Well, they say, what about the global market? Well, what is Iowa and Illinois doing to help the global market? What are their farmers doing that I...they're not doing anything that I should be doing, are they? It's very frustrating. It's very frustrating, at the very least, to proceed the way we're going. But when you consider one-fourth of the jobs in the State of Nebraska are directly related to agriculture, and that we just pile another burden on top of them and that we ought to have all kinds of exemptions for big companies in this state, but, you know, most farmers, if they could move their farms for tax burdens, they would go to a different state. Matter of fact, custom combiners, for the most part, don't even locate their combines in Nebraska anymore so they don't have to pay taxes on their machines.

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: So we just create another problem. We're going to have Kansas farmers on the north border that used to sell their grain to Nebraska elevators that are going to think twice about it now. And so a situation like this can hurt some border elevators and they're concerned about what we do. So I don't know where we're heading but I hope you will understand the frustration of some of us who serve rural districts. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President and members, this is the first time that I've spoken on this bill and I would remind you all that I certainly remember that I have two ethanol plants in my district and we are also farmers. Philosophically, I have...I know I said to Senator Beutler, we had a discussion about how philosophically, I do believe this is economic development. It certainly is for the City of Hastings. It's not just for farmers in the area that the ethanol plant is good development. Fifty-five new jobs in our area certainly is economic development. And so, philosophically as I discussed it with Senator Beutler, I discussed it that it should be treated as economic development as we do other pieces of legislation. However, I know in reality and votes that's not going to happen and so then what I come back to is we have a debt owed and how are we going to pay it. I listened carefully last week to Senator Bernard-Stevens say that we shouldn't bind future