

50 miles that borders Kansas. I have a hundred miles of that Kansas border in my district, and there is a lot of small country elevators in that area that do get a little bit of grain from Kansas at their elevators. Now keep in mind the volume of grain in the State of Nebraska gravitates west and south. It goes to feedlots in Texas and Kansas. It goes to chicken and dairy farmers and poultry farmers in California. It goes to the west coast for export. So we are not talking a lot of grain here. So I think the budget impact on this amendment is pretty small. Well, what this amendment says, it says that any corn or grain sorghum that is produced outside of the borders of the State of Nebraska by a nonresident, in other words, a farmer or the producer cannot live in the State of Nebraska, if they bring corn or grain sorghum into this state and sell it at a Nebraska elevator, other than an ethanol facility, that grain shall not be taxed the three-quarter cent. I don't think we are talking about a large volume in grain here. I would guess, if I had to guess, we are talking about less than 1 percent of the corn in the State of Nebraska. Well, let me read a letter to you from Chester, Nebraska, Citizens Grain Company. He is writing in regard to LB 377. He says I hope you realize that ethanol plants do not help everybody in Nebraska, and they, in fact, are competing for grain with country elevators. As a country elevator owner, I resent the fact that you are asking me to collect a checkoff to fund my competition. Let them collect the checkoff on the grain they buy. I also feel that my customers, who are from Kansas, should not be forced to pay this checkoff. This additional fee will put us in a noncompetitive situation. And I agree with him. There is a huge export elevator in Superior, Nebraska, in the district I serve. It is almost on the border, George. It is a stone throw from your district. But most of their grain goes out in carload lots and it comes in from Adams County, and Clay County. Senator McKenzie is very aware of the facilities there. There is two large elevators; actually one is Agrex and one is Hardy Coop, but I don't think this is asking for much, and some of those border elevators, it might help them because if I was a Kansas farmer I would say why do I want to haul my corn over there and pay a one cent checkoff on it, when I can take it a couple miles down the road the other direction and sell it, and they just get negative attitude towards taxes no matter what state you live in. And I think this will alleviate some of the concerns. I have had...I have been contacted by the elevator in Guide Rock, and Guide Rock is just about three miles from Kansas, and I would guess 20 to 25 percent of his business comes from Kansas. Now most of those