

SENATOR BOHLKE: And what you are saying is that, say in Hastings with two ethanol plants, if someone wanted to from Kansas to deliver their corn to an elevator, they would avoid the three-quarter of a cent we are talking about by delivering it to an elevator rather than the ethanol plant.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is a hypothetical scenario but I say it is hypothetical because farmers don't haul their corn to Nebraska from Kansas except in a few border areas where it is convenient for them to harvest and go to the elevator during harvest. It just doesn't happen. You know you are not going to take ten cents less in Adams County when you can sell in Kansas for ten cents higher. It just doesn't happen and it won't happen in the next ten years. Kansas's feedlot industry is growing. They are putting up pork facilities. They are putting up...they are expanding their cattle feedlots, and the reason is they have a better tax climate than Nebraska. We are pretty stagnant on our livestock industry in the State of Nebraska right now compared to Kansas. Kansas is growing, give them four or five more years, and they will produce more fat cattle than we do.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Are you done? Well, Senator Schrock, though what we are saying, to me, this doesn't make sense to me, why we would be doing this for just on the border there. Are you telling me that in none of our other borders we wouldn't have this very same situation? What about with Colorado? What about with South Dakota? What about with Iowa?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I am not that familiar with Iowa, but the river and the few bridges there are on the Platte River are big barriers for farmers to bring corn from Iowa elevators to Nebraska areas. And maybe Senator Robinson or Senator Engel could comment on that, or even Senator Vrtiska, but how many bridges is there across the Missouri River? That would be...the transportation would just be...would not enhance that situation, and Colorado, the grain goes west. The price of corn is higher in Colorado than it is in Nebraska.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, I will wait to hear maybe some of the answers from some of those senators to respond to that. At this point in time, I do not think I support your amendment and I will wait to hear the answers from some of the other senators. I know Senator Vrtiska, Senator Robinson, if you heard, Senator