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coming in there. So this would...this would be a great benefit not only for Nebraska but for the farmers in western Iowa, that I will support your bill, Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I wondered if Senator Engel would yield to a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Engel, will you yield once more?

SENATOR SMITH: I was wondering how you arrived at the 15-mile status there. Just wondering.

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, how we arrived at that, a couple of years ago when we had this bill before the Revenue Committee, that was a concern as they didn't want it opened up to the whole state and the concern how many miles you went out. Now, in our particular area, 15 miles will take you to the farthest point, to the farthest terminal from where you enter into Iowa across one of our bridges. So that's an arbitrary figure but we had to come up with a figure, so we...we used 15 miles, and I think that works for Cargill. It works for most of the areas like in Omaha that would...and the bordering...the bordering states where most of the commerce is done. What the problem is up in our area and any area where you have a...on a border, like we're on a tri-states border, it's such a nuisance factor, because every time someone go across the bridge, especially at harvest time and so forth, they had to get these permits. Many of them didn't even realize they needed a permit to take their tractor over on that...on that's big, bigger truck, and they get fined 20, I think 20-25 dollars fine, plus court costs, plus they had to buy their permit, so it cost them \$100 to travel 3-4 miles within the other state. So it just kind of impedes commerce, is what it was doing, and it was a nuisance and it really wasn't revenue productive anyhow as far as what we found. So 15 miles was an arbitrary figure.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you.