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SENATOR BEUTLER: That's fair, Senator. But bottom line is, if...if this bill had come to you without the beginning ag provisions, which I understand to be what you're primarily interested in. But if it had come to you just as a reduction in LB 775, would you be voting for it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, because I have been a supporter of LB 775.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So you support LB 775 provisions, but you're interested in this paring of ideas, because you feel there's some parity there and there is a need for funding the beginning farmer?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, and it's minimal in this case. It avoids having me find \$1.5 million somewhere else. I think it just puts agriculture on a par with large business, 99 to 1.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And let me ask you, Senator, while I have you here, the other sorting out question that I wanted to do. The beginning farmer provision...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...is it to do one...is it...is it the idea is to keep all land in production, or two, to maintain, hopefully, somehow a representation of smaller farmers?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It would be probably...it would be the latter. I assume...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...land will stay in production, one way or another, but I say we ought to have family units. I'm not saying what size that should be, but properly family agriculture has been the backbone of the country for 200 years, I would like to see it continue. The trends that we're doing now, it is not going to continue. This is one small piece of that puzzle.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so it's...it's clear to all of us then that as far as total economic agricultural production is