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all those things are the wave of the future, and we should just let agriculture get off. I was reading an article last night, down in Brazil, a guy's farming...has 175,000 acres of beans. He's farming 200,000 acres.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And many think, with the way the trend is going in this country, that that will be the next wave of the future for agriculture production because apparently they're making it work in Brazil. And that's large outside capital coming in and controlling it. I'm still trying to make room for family farms in Nebraska. And I'm not naive enough to believe that it can be small. At least let's try to get some opportunity for young, beginning farmers at a size or an economic of scale, economics of scale that they can make somewhat of a living, starting out. And this is a three-year period,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...then it goes on to someone else, if they're interested.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Brashear would move to amend the committee amendments. I have AM1213 in front of me, Senator. (AM1213, Legislative Journal page 1403.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on AM1213.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, given the discussion that we've had here on the floor and conversations off the floor, I've introduced AM1213 in order to separate the issues. It seems to me that people are interested in talking about how it is that we can "incentivise" young persons in agriculture without having to deal with the question of what...of taking away from LB 775 and what at least some would argue are its many positive benefits to the state at the same time. That overly complicates the discussion, and in fact