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is...businesses in agriculture are basically place-locked. They...they have to be in a given site. You can't run a farm from Omaha or from Lincoln. You're landlocked to where that business is. The availability of the land, and a place to have that livestock is critical. And so without access to those kinds of assets, capital assets, you can't start, and it would seem to me if you were going to start out in the plumbing business,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...even though I'm not saying it's easy, you can start that out any place with your tools and go to work, but in agriculture, you're going to have to find a source or a place that you can do that. And I...that's not the principal altogether difference because I understand small businesses have trouble starting out too. But the returns historically are low in agricultural, that type of thing, so bankers are understandably reluctant to return, to loan money for a 3 to 5 percent return. And so it's many cases like this, especially fighting the weather and so forth, that make it I think more difficult to get started in agriculture.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wehrbein I appreciate what you're saying in terms of the fact that there may be an awful lot of businesses in the urban areas that don't require that kind of capital. But to the extent that there are some that do, I still have a problem seeing what the difference is. Let me...let me ask you this, also, and many of these questions I'm exploring my own understanding of what actually happens out in the farm community, but Senator Stuhr was indicating, for example, that there's just not a lot of land to rent, and that may vary from places to places in the state, I don't know. But if there's not a lot of land to rent, I guess that means there's a lot of demand to rent land, and if there's a lot of demand to rent land we're not having a problem finding farmers. So if we're not having a problem finding farmers, then I'm having trouble with the subsidy except to the extent that we want to somehow in this competition among plenty of people who want the land supply