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SENATOR STUHR: Actually, Senator Coordsen, I think I first met you when you served on a checkoff board. What...can you share, what board did you serve on and for how many years?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I served on the Grain Sorghum Utilization and Marketing Board and I first became aware of people who were promoting ethanol in 1981, and I think we'd probably better stop with my experiences at that point in time.

SENATOR STUHR: Oh, okay. But I have been a long time supporter of ethanol. I, in fact, I co-chaired a national convoy to Denver, late in the 1980s, in the promotion of ethanol because Denver was having considerable problems with their smog and their clean air. One of the things that I...we really haven't mentioned is a by-product of the ethanol plants, the distiller's grain, that is in...of great use by livestock feeders throughout the country and, in fact, I have a package of the distiller grain in my deep freeze, and if I have time, I'll bake you some cookies that are made from the distiller's grain because this is certainly another use of that by-product. Again, I oppose the Wickersham amendment. I think the ethanol industry has been good for Nebraska and I think, as agriculture producers, we need to support that industry. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Those senators wishing to speak to the Wickersham amendment are Senator Coordsen, Vrtiska, and Brown. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, whoever is in the Chair. I promised Senator Baker a question, and if Senator Baker would respond to a question, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: I'm ready.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, it's so kind of you, Senator Baker.