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SENATOR SCHROCK: I'll try.

SENATOR DIERKS: What is the monetary advantage to a farmer who sells corn to an ethanol plant versus selling it to a livestock feeder, for instance, when they're near an ethanol plant?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Connealy can probably answer that question better, but I've heard 10, 15 cents. We also believe that the price of corn cumulatively in this state is 20 cents higher because of the five ethanol plants.

SENATOR DIERKS: Across the board?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Connealy, can you answer that question?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Well, it changes the pattern some. Your trucking or your difference in distribution is a lot of it. There's also a real benefit to livestock producers here in the state. There was a study that was put out last year from the University of Nebraska. It said that a feeder who feeds wet distiller's grain gets a \$20 a head advantage by doing that. We're building that infrastructure here in Nebraska. The overall benefit to the state of Nebraska was \$43 million last year for feeding distiller's grain. It puts the small and medium size feeder at the same level as the large feeder, makes them more efficient. So there's not a real gain one way or the other. It's just using that product more within the structure they have. We're still feeding the grain as it comes out of the ethanol plants. It's just in a more concentrated form.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. The question I have I think for all of us to consider is what happens 40 years down the line? What happens when we've used up that oil that's out there that hasn't even been pumped yet? Then what do we do? Are we going to be able to grow enough corn to make ethanol? There are some other products out there that will provide us ethanol and that, you know, you can get it from sugar beets, you can get it from silage, I mean the sorghum crops, anything that has some roughage in it and a little bit of glucose you can make ethanol