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SENATOR CONNEALY: No, federal farm policy most likely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think Cargill and some of these agribusiness firms have anything to do with manipulating the price of corn or manipulating the market?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No, I think that they give a bases on some. I don't think that they are the driver. I think that federal farm policy has more to do with it than specific industries.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you think this is, indeed, an unmanaged market when it comes to the sale of agricultural products, and if there is management, it is done solely by the federal government's farm policy?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, and if it...yes, and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you don't think the industries have anything to do with it?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I think, yes, the agribusiness, if this was only an agricultural issue, if it wasn't an environmental issue, it wasn't a jobs issue, then it wouldn't have the strong support that it has on the floor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You don't think IBP does anything in the livestock, or those five big packers, you don't think they have anything to do with the prices that producers get for their stock? That's what you believe.

SENATOR CONNEALY: IBP...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator. That's all right. I won't ask you any more questions. Members of the Legislature, now we know that these big agribusiness operations have nothing to do with the price of the products that they buy. We know that the big packers have nothing to do with the cost or the price of livestock, and that's a revelation to me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.