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question because he raises cattle, I believe.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Would you respond to a question, Senator Stuthman?

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Senator Stuthman, do you raise cattle?

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      How much money do you think I'd have to invest if I wanted to be a successful cattle raiser, a cattle producer?

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      I think in order to make a profitable living, hopefully a profitable living, in cattle production you need to invest at least 350 or 400 thousand dollars.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Now let me ask you this, because that's a modest amount. Is there a shortage of cattle producers in Nebraska? In other words, could more producers enter the business and all make a profit, or are enough cattle being produced already, in your opinion?

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      In my opinion, I think there's enough cattle being produced already because of the demand for the product.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Okay, so then I can't go into farming. It's unrealistic for me to go into cattle production. Well, how about hog production because although there are some big hog producers there are only a few? Would hog production be a viable activity for me to engage in in Nebraska, if I want to make a profit?

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Yes, I think it would be a viable industry to get into, depending upon what portion of the industry you wanted to get into; into owning the animals or if you wanted to get into the business of doing the labor part of it and owning the facility. This is the way the industry is going right now.