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discussing it, and compiling as good a record as is possible, to show the insensitivity, the hardheartedness of the Legislature. Then it will not be difficult for me to lay that record out and demonstrate why my attitude toward the interests of the rural senators is changing for the worse. There are many things that I've done and many times I've bailed out these rural interests. The only thing city people have to sell is their labor. That's whether they're in what's considered a larger city or a smaller city. The farmers who grow stuff out of the ground get payouts. They get welfare from the federal government. The only complaint they ever make is that they don't get enough. But then they are the very ones who scream the loudest against helping anybody else. And we're talking about people who would be working. They wouldn't be paid not to work. They would not be paid for what they didn't produce. They wouldn't be paid because the market went bad and they have to be guaranteed a certain amount when they are not working. That's for farmers. So when I hear all of this talk about the ag sector is so important to this state, and I see how many are getting the handouts, then how cruel and cold-hearted and cold-blooded they can be, they need to have somebody on this floor who will stand up to them and let them know you don't get a free ride anymore. Now if you can put all of your rural colleagues together and gather some urban senators also, then you might be able to steamroll over me. But these "ruralies," as some of them call themselves, know how to knuckle under and take low when we're dealing with these big corporations, as some of the Omaha senators do too. We couldn't even get information from them because of the sucking up the members of this Legislature will do to big business. Ethanol plants, the promoters want to get tax concessions and other assistance from the state here, so that they can make money. And they have had a chance to succeed in the past. There have been occasions, when a certain type of bill would come up, Senator Mossey and people would say, you got to get 30 votes. And a new person or somebody uninitiated will say, well, it only takes 25 votes to pass a bill. Then that person is informed, yes, but the Governor doesn't like it, and you need 30 to override the veto. Some things that I used to support are now going to take perhaps 33 votes to get around me, and we will just see how it goes when the "ruralies" are on their own. There are times the rural senators didn't even know