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has sunk into ethanol, if you know?

SENATOR KREMER: The production of corn has nothing to do with it. Were you talking about the cost or the revenue generated from corn? You said the production of corn.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Well, the more plants you have, the more corn you use. Isn't that right? Aren't we saying that this will encourage the farmers to grow more corn and they'll make more money? That's what I heard said this morning.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, we try to just...we try to get as good of yields as we possibly can. What we'd like to have is a little bit more money for the bushels we have, and hopefully this does that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So there is no evidence that more corn has been produced in Nebraska tied directly to the existence of these ethanol plants. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR KREMER: It could be if the price of corn would go up considerably and it was more profitable to grow corn than it would be soybeans. That would be...some of the soybean production would be...would be changed over to producing corn, so it possibly could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much has the price of corn increased over the years as a result of ethanol production, if you know?

SENATOR KREMER: I have no idea, but it's...when you use that much it has to be something, but I can't tell you how much.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If there was opposition to these bills that increased the corn checkoff from people who look after producers of corn, why would they oppose a bill that's going to create a market that will give them more money? In other words, why do some of these farm groups oppose the checkoff, which is done to fund ethanol production?

SENATOR KREMER: I...what I've heard is they are not opposed to it, but they are opposed to carrying the total burden on their