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SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baker, I'm supporting Senator Bourne's amendment, for the reasons he and others have given. Would you be opposed to an amendment that would require these plants to first use corn obtained in Nebraska, and if they couldn't obtain enough corn in Nebraska, then they could look elsewhere?

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Chambers,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This would help the Nebraska economy directly.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Chambers, that goes back to the discussion we had with Senator Wehrbein yesterday of...you know, it affects people across state lines. And if they're buying the corn in Iowa, it still increases the price of corn in Nebraska. So no, I couldn't support that. It's bigger than a Nebraska market.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there enough corn in Nebraska to supply these plants?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why not buy up Nebraska corn? Then we don't have to worry about the global market, we don't have to worry about the national market; we will look at the circumstances within the state of Nebraska and help the corn producers here. I thought that's what all of this economic development was about, developing the economy of the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR BAKER: Well, if we can channel this corn through an ethanol plant, whether it comes from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, or wherever, it's going to help Nebraska's corn producers, because it takes that many bushels out of the market system to have to sell later.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you think that I'm supposed to be naive