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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, without getting into the 1 cent per 100 million bushels of corn that would be moved off the market, did you say that from wherever those bushels of corn are removed from the market there will be an impact on the overall market price of corn?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, if that number of bushels were taken off the market in Nebraska, that impact would be felt on the overall market. Isn't that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Members of the Legislature, we can do two things. We can improve the condition of Nebraska corn producers, and we can also, by doing that, increase the market price of corn nationally. And those farmers who may not sell their corn to an ethanol producer in Nebraska will benefit from the increase in the price of corn nationally, and their corn will bring a higher cost...a higher price. I think what I'm offering--and I'm not doing it as an amendment yet--is something that my colleagues ought to jump on. Corn producers in this state oppose attempts to increase the amount of the corn checkoff. We can get rid of that problem by mandating that the corn used by these ethanol plants come from Nebraska corn growers. If a sufficiently large number of bushels of corn will be used by those plants, maybe not every Nebraska corn grower will have his or her corn funneled through that plant, but enough bushels will have been taken off the market to increase the overall price of corn, and those other farmers who grow corn will benefit. The ones whose corn is purchased by these ethanol plants are going to make money. There is no state in the union that has had a proposal like this presented. You improve the condition within your state and have