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SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, your time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It's up. Sorry. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, are you on...Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak to the Bourne amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, I'd yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Thank you, Mr. President. Now, Senator Schrock, you mentioned transportation costs. You're telling me that it would cost more, based on transportation costs, for these ethanol plants within Nebraska to use Nebraska-grown corn than the transportation costs involved in bringing it in from Iowa? That's what you're telling me?

SENATOR SCHROCK: If I said that, I didn't mean it that way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I should pose it as a question. Is that what you're telling me?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, the transportation costs will make it less feasible for corn from Iowa to come to Nebraska. Now, Senator Mines or Senator Connealy could probably tell you, I don't know, there may be some corn shipped in by rail at the Blair plant. But I would guess all the other plants in the state exclusively get their corn by truck, and every mile adds cost.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would that transportation cost make it not feasible for these ethanol plants to get their corn from within the state of Nebraska? Is that what you're telling me?