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SENATOR SCHROCK: The transportation costs are high enough that they're not...there is not going to be a lot of corn shipped in from out of state. Most of it is going to be used from...by producers in Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So would you say that the majority of the corn being used now by ethanol plants does in fact originate in Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I would guess, with the exception of the Blair plant, 95 to 98 percent of it is all Nebraska corn at the present time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what would be the problem with my amendment to say that they would have to use only Nebraska corn?

SENATOR SCHROCK: There could be a problem with the Interstate Commerce Clause. I'm not sure about that. Maybe somebody else can answer that better than I could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, we can set up limitations and restrictions on those operations that are going to get tax concessions and direct payments out of the General Fund of the state. We can set labor and hour conditions, not below what the federal government requires, but we can set higher standards. And we can say that they have got to get their product from within this state. Interstate commerce is not implicated by stuff that happens strictly within the state, and that's what is going to be the set of circumstances. Let me ask you this question: Do these ethanol plants that exist in Nebraska right now have a direct organizational connection to ethanol plants in other states?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Some of them...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: By that I meant, does a company own ethanol plants in Nebraska and in other states?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'm very sure that Cargill at Blair owns other plants, and also, Minnesota Corn Processors is owned by AGP...not AGP, is it Archer Daniels Midland? ADM, ADM, Arthur