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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is Plainview a city.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes...yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many people live in Plainview?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I would guess about 1,100.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do they have more millionaires per capita than any other city in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where does this \$40 million go?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: It goes through the economy of all of northeast Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who gave you this figure?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: It was an NPPD study and I think I've found the article stating it, and I'm trying to locate it and I'm going to bring it up here, and then I will answer that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this is why you say that there should be state subsidies for ethanol production?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Cunningham, other than the people I designate speculators, who else is guaranteed profit from the production of ethanol?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, basically, I think every business in northeast...any place that is anywhere close to an ethanol plant. In my case, the plant around Plainview, any business in a 30- to 50-mile radius benefits from the production of ethanol. You've heard me say a hundred times, 30 jobs in a town the size of Wausa, which is a small town, that's equivalent to 17,000 jobs here in Lincoln. Thirty jobs is what we have in the ethanol plant in Plainview.