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deal; you can pay it now. If corn would stay above \$3.00, I'd agree with that. Senator Chambers, I've seen \$3.00 corn and I've seen \$2.00 corn, but I've seen a heck of a lot more \$2.00 corn. We raise a big crop this year, it's going to be, zoom, back down in the dumper. And most farmers weren't smart enough to sell their corn...they sold it this fall for \$2.00 and thought they were cutting a pretty wide swath. And now it's \$3.00, and they say, we don't have any left. That's what happens out in rural Nebraska. I wish there was some middle ground here. If somebody would show me some middle ground, I'd do it. But don't put it all on the grain tax. Let's share the pain here, and we'll all benefit in the long run. Senator Chambers, would you like the rest of my time?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers, you have 3 minutes and 38 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Thank you, Madam President. And Senator Schrock voted for those giveaway bills that I voted against and fought strongly against, and I fought more hard...I fought harder against them than I'm fighting against this bill. I did not like those kind of giveaways, whether they were for the big shots in Omaha, nor do I like them for the big shots who are exploiting the rural people's naivete. A lot of the speculators are not going to be plowing money into Nebraska. That is not going to happen. Ethanol is not going to save the rural economy. Senator Schrock mentioned that there may be a large corn crop this year. There are some farmers in Nebraska who are going to grow less corn and more soybeans. So that may be just nibbling around the edges, but there may come a time when people understand better how to manage the resource they have which they are going to sell. But as long as the farm community is fragmented in the way that it is, there will not be a coming together for a common purpose. As long as an outfit like the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation can palm itself off as a farm organization, we will know that the farmers are not thinking. It's not that they're not thinking clearly; they are not thinking at all. The vast majority of the people who are members of the Farm Bureau Federation are not farmers. They're in that outfit because they see it as a way to get insurance. But these farmers will let...those who are not in the know, will