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have removed that provision from their state statutes. With that, I turn the rest of my time back to the floor. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Mines, on your amendment.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. The...I think the very core of this is the...it's an administration of federal funds that Nebraska Investment Finance Authority is going to engage. This isn't...these aren't Nebraska dollars. These are federal dollars that funnel through a facilitator, which would be NIFA, and then they also partner with local financial institutions and buy down the price of interest to agriculture communities and farmers and ranchers. And I know that there's discussion on the floor about limits and I think that is really one of the main points here, is should our net worth be eliminated or shall we simply raise it to a number. The initial thought was let's not pick a number; let's conform with the federal standard, no net worth cap, and that way we don't have an arbitrary figure that we may have to come back and fix some time later. Mr. President, I would like to yield my time, Mr. President, to Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you yield?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Mines. Yeah, I thought maybe I'd just give a little background. As we talk about these numbers, it's, you know, it's kind of daunting. Ground in my area is \$2,500 to \$3,000 an acre, you know, so we're talking about 200 acres paid off to be at a \$500,000 cap. Combines are extremely expensive these days, and Senator Schrock can testify to that. By able...by bringing people in that have a little bit more resources, you do allow a, you know, higher degree of ability to make success, and so it's not necessarily bad to bring somebody in with some resources to start, and these are beginning farmers. So I would agree with eliminating the cap, I'd agree with raising the cap to some level higher than it is now, but I think that we ought to try to get these people into agriculture, because we do need new people coming into the state to work our land and to provide these...this human capital in our rural communities. So I'd