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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does Australia produce a lot of corn in the world?

SENATOR CONNEALY: More wheat. They have some corn, but it's...they are a drier climate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does Brazil produce a lot of corn?

SENATOR CONNEALY: More soybeans. But they are...they do produce some corn. We are the largest, I think. China is close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does Canada?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No, not much. Some.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, do you accept Senator Bourne's calculations about the status of the EPIC Fund?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We don't need an Ethanol Board, do we?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes. The state gains a lot from the Ethanol Board.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We could eliminate the Ethanol Board, though, couldn't we?

SENATOR CONNEALY: We could eliminate lots of functions. But I would argue that certain functions of government actually serve the people well.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You would agree, would you, or would you disagree, that this amendment need not be adopted this year, this session?

SENATOR CONNEALY: This amendment does not need to be. The underlying bill needs to be, to get over this fiscal shortfall in this year. But it may be good planning to adopt it. It may