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SENATOR AGUILAR:    Probably not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Some parts of Illinois are closer to Omaha than some parts of Nebraska. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR:    I'll take your word for it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Okay. If a state...well, how far away would a state be in order to be considered a nearby state?

SENATOR AGUILAR:    I would guess within a two-state radius around Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Kopplin.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Kopplin, would you respond to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR KOPPLIN:    Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Senator Kopplin, what would you and which...what would you include, in your mind, in the term "nearby states," in terms of the states that would be embraced by that term?

SENATOR KOPPLIN:    Anything in the Midwest.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    And what does the Midwest mean to you? And here's why I say it. If you look at how this part of the country, meaning anything east of, say, Illinois is, that is far west, because Illinois is the Midwest. So do you look at the term "Midwest" in the sense that others do, or do you mean the middle area of this country?

SENATOR KOPPLIN:    I would say anything from the Ohio River westward to the Rocky Mountains.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    And do you feel that is generally what people understand the term "Midwestern" to mean?

SENATOR KOPPLIN:    I believe so.