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SENATOR KEYES: \$74,000. John Deere, International Case, Massey-Harris and all Ford, and all the rest of them, if alcohol or any fuel becomes a viable fuel, they will spend millions of dollars to rejuvenate their tractors so that they can use it, and the \$75,000 that you are going to put into it for the University is just a drop in the bucket and would absolutely provide nothing for the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you wish to speak to the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, I would have a question of Senator Vickers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you yield?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Vickers, all of a sudden you are in support of gasohol. Is that it?

SENATOR VICKERS: I am in support of the use of the product gasohol if it is economically feasible. I am suggesting that if it is going to be used that I want...before I put it in my tractor, I want to make certain that it is not going to damage the tractor engine any and I am sure that the other farmers of the State of Nebraska would like to have the University of Nebraska make certain out at their tractor testing station that this would work and that it will not damage the tractors.

SENATOR MARESH: Then you support the small farm stills and not large plants. Is that your argument? I notice you didn't vote for the....

SENATOR VICKERS: I don't think you are discussing this amendment, Senator Maresh. I think you are discussing a bill that we voted on this morning which was a different situation this morning entirely.

SENATOR MARESH: I am just asking if you support production of alcohol?

SENATOR VICKERS: It's fine, yes.

SENATOR MARESH: No matter how it is made...large or small plants.

SENATOR VICKERS: As long as there are tax dollars making it.