

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'll have to confess to you as my conscience in my heart of hearts makes me do this. I did come at this in the negative way, to do away with the Nebraska testing site. Coming at it the negative way, due to the help of Senator Johnson, Senator Vickers, and a lot of people, we've turned it around 180 degrees, and we will be the only national tractor testing site in the United States of America. Now this is good for Nebraska. It is good for Nebraska farmers. It will increase and make bigger the testing site. We have the university in favor, Farmers Union, Iowa-Nebraska farm equipment dealers, JIK, U.S. Tractor, John Deer, Farm Bureau, tractor testing, and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, the Board of Regents, and you name it. They now all see that this bill will do nothing but good. It is a good bill. It will help Nebraska. It is self-supporting. And I would like to see you advance this bill because it can do no harm, it can just do good. And I ask you to advance LB 768. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner, did you want to talk on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: I had a question for Senator Johnson.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Johnson, will you respond please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Johnson, the committee amendment wipes out the old provision for retaining, in essence, the parts depot, availability of parts within the state. I can appreciate where some change, because of times being what they are, might be appropriate. My question is did the committee discuss that at all? My personal experience is one where parts depots might be anywhere, five different locations, somewhere in the country, or if you got some of these foreign makes you may not get parts at all. And if you've got a break down in harvest and you've got to sit for 10 days, that gets to be a very crucial factor, and it has happened. And I'm wondering if you discussed that aspect of the bill in committee? I don't have an amendment offered, but...