

PRC to Make Sugar Impact Study

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the industry.

Lind said "politics is a rough game and we need more political clout in Washington where all legislation is based on a trade-off."

Towater said he is convinced that eastern Nebraska is unconcerned about the sugar beet industry in western Nebraska and he accused Gov. J. James Exon of showing no concern at a recent meeting of Nebraska delegates

in Washington concerning the farm problems.

Towater said Exon never mentioned anything about sugar at the meeting. "If I hadn't been along, I don't think a word of the sugar beet industry would have been spoken."

"Our own government has shortchanged the producer and the processor by not placing more restrictions on the foreign markets. It is the foreign markets that are overproducing, not us," said Lind "and

the imports are ruining the industry. Both the grower and the processor are at the end of the tunnel."

Crops such as corn, beans, alfalfa, potatoes, wheat, sweet corn and sunflowers were all mentioned as possible alternatives for sugar beets. However, Towater suggested that none of these would ever replace the sugar beet industry in western Nebraska. Corn and beans were mentioned as the best possible alternatives, but the factor of overproduction would have to

be considered.

Ken Littlejohn of Alliance said beans have "kept many farmers going the past several years but we need to give some consideration to the fact that overproduction could depress the bean markets."

Ditch indicated at the close of the meeting that the PRC will proceed with the impact study and that future meetings seeking additional input from those attending Friday's session would be scheduled.