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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, I'll be very brief because I would like to go to a vote. I agree very much with Senator Schrock. It's not a big issue with me. I agree the deal was there. But it is a sense that many did want to end that checkoff completely. We did not do that. We kept the checkoff in place at a somewhat reduced level, a quarter cent. It is an effort to at least do some benefit to the rural community at this time, which is still getting less than \$2 for the corn, and the times out there, so it's some...some incentive to do that. But I realize and it is true that in this case the producers have put in nearly \$40 million of their own money the last few years in order to have ethanol here. And I ask you again, how many other producers of any sort have had a checkoff put upon them to raise money for their own good when the jobs and everything else accrue...accrues statewide? So I, too, am going to oppose it. I do understand a deal was cut. Quarter cent is not that big an issue, but I am going to oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion, Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I...Senator Beutler, I appreciate your bringing this amendment. I didn't really realize that this deal had been made, so to speak, but I guess I would argue that it should be honored. I would support your amendment. As a corn producer, I...I want to hold up my end of the bargain and if that was the deal that was made I want to do that. I would point out that Senator Schrock mentioned that if there was money left over, looking at the last line of the blue sheet here, the State Treasurer will transfer any unexpended and unobligated funds to the Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Fund and so on, so that any extra money that was collected beyond what was needed to fund this ethanol incentive would in fact go back to the producers who had contributed. And another thing I would mention, if I could ask Senator Wehrbein a question.