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we're not expecting to make a profit so we want you to extend this subsidy out seven years, but now it's down to five. And I think the total amount may be what, \$35 million? Why should they give up that cash cow funded by the suckers in this Legislature and that's what we are. When you keep pouring money down a rat hole, you are a sucker. And the only justification is if you're like Senator Cunningham, you admit it helps your district somehow. That's his selfish, personal, political interest in supporting this bill. He admitted it. Why should I help Cargill? I'd like to ask Senator Dierks a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Dierks, will you yield, please?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dierks, I see where Cargill is involved in Blair. Is that true?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they have received so far \$25 million in state subsidies. Is that true?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they will receive, they will be eligible for more under this bill. Is that true?

SENATOR DIERKS: If they do add-ons.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dierks, haven't we had problems with Cargill and some of these other big outfits when it comes to the treatment of production agriculture?

SENATOR DIERKS: In my estimation we have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And yet we've subsidize them to the tune of 100...of \$25 million already and we're going to give them more. Do you really think that Cargill needs state subsidies so that on the one hand they can say we're producing ethanol which won't sell and on the other we're going to ball that hand into a fist