

severability clause and the emergency clause. I am having handed out to you a survey done by SRI, a poll of Nebraska farmers. I will go through it very briefly with you because I think it is important and I wish you would follow along with me. This poll was conducted on the basis of 400 farmers across Nebraska. The first poll, a grain check-off to develop an ethanol plant, across-the-board, favor or oppose, 69 percent favored, 31 percent opposed. A grain check-off plant to develop ethanol, an ethanol plant, all farmers, 59 percent favored, 26 percent opposed, and 15 percent undecided. Ethanol plants in Nebraska, do you believe that it is an advantage or a disadvantage. This question was asked of co-op members; 83 percent said they thought it would be an advantage, 14 percent said no difference, 1 percent said a disadvantage. Ethanol plants in Nebraska, all farmers, 81 percent said it would be an advantage, 2 percent said it would be a disadvantage, 14 percent said it would make no difference, and 3 percent said they were not sure. The other question of co-op members, should Nebraska assist in the ethanol industry. In favor of 87 percent, opposed 7 percent, undecided 8 percent. Poll of all farmers, should Nebraska assist the ethanol industry? In favor 86 percent, undecided 7 percent, opposed 7 percent. I believe that this poll, conducted again by the SRI, indicates the broad support for the ethanol industry among agriculture. And I believe it indicates also that we are going to have to do something of the nature that we have proposed here if we are going to make it work. And I would hope that we would do it now. I would just like to call your attention again to the problems that have developed with the most recent aspect of the farm...federal farm program relative to the livestock industry. In an attempt to assist the dairy industry the federal farm program has caused serious problems for the livestock industry, has probably cost the State of Nebraska, as of right now, \$120 million, one of the factors which is causing us the difficulties on this floor insofar as meeting the needs of the State of Nebraska. You have on your desk, I believe, another handout from Senator Harris, which he will talk about. Speaks about the mountain of surpluses that are building in this country. We can expect, by the end of 1986, 3.8 billion bushels of surpluses. I'm not going to go into any more of those. I know there will be some questions, I will try to answer them if you have them. If not, I would urge you to adopt this amendment and proceed with the bill. I appreciate the support we have had. I know there are some genuine concerns among many individuals about the bill. I would just like to suggest that probably there has been no industry in Nebraska that has