

go buy a car and you can't make the car payments, what do you? Eventually take the car back and get a cheaper one you can afford. If we're not willing to, and I guess I'm not because I'm not convinced it's worthwhile to raise that...to reimpose that checkoff on the grain farmers in the State of Nebraska. We need to think about at least, if you don't do anything else this year, lowering that down from 20 to 10 cents. Saves us \$2.2 million this year and God knows how much in years to come. Obviously, Senator...you know, there's some talk about \$50 million plants, \$250 million plants, I don't know how many million dollar plant we have in Scottsbluff. How many is...how many...I will believe it when any of those happen. Hopefully, all of them will happen as far as I'm concerned. But, nevertheless, in...the one thing if you choose to advance the bill as it's now formed and it's in...everything, I can now live with now, but the one thing you don't do is that you leave it at 20 cents. And I guess if you don't change it from 20 to 10 cents now, you're never going to. And I guess I'm not wild about changing my word to the people in Hastings but, on the other hand, that was not too much in the discussion last year. And the fact is that if you don't adopt this amendment, in the next two to three years we are most certainly, without a doubt, going to have to reimpose the checkoff that was created in 1986. And I guess I'm of the opinion that I'm not convinced that's money well spent. I don't think that's a tax well imposed on the corn farmers in the State of Nebraska. And I think your window of opportunity is getting shorter, you know, you can't be too big to admit you made a mistake last year, and, yes, I will plead temporary insanity, Senator Coordsen. This amendment doesn't need to be talked about a whole lot, you're either for it or against it. I simply ask for it's adoption. It lowers it from 20-cents production credit to 10 cents. It will make the difference of about \$2 million that we paid out this year; half from the Highway Trust Fund, half from the Ethanol Board. And, with that, I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Moore. Going to the lights we have Senator Rod Johnson is next in line.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, what Senator Moore offers here today is very similar to the amendment that I proposed a couple days ago. I think the amendment, as I had it written on the first round of debate on this issue, was that we have 10 cents on existing production and 20 on any new or expansion of production. And I, you know, Senator Moore and I