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LB 90

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM1631? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on ceasing debate on the Bourne amendment, AM1631, to LB 90. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Bourne, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As part of my close, would Senator Wehrbein yield to a question or two?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: And again, Senator Wehrbein, I appreciate the work you've done on LB 90, and the other individuals involved. And I understand that once you have a commitment, that it's difficult to change positions. I did listen to you just now speak on what you perceive as our commitment as it relates to ethanol. I appreciated hearing that. If you were one of the five plants who have qualified under LB 90, who have not yet been built, would you rest easy feeling that there is an ironclad agreement on behalf of the state to then fund you should they come on line?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That is my understanding of those contracts, Senator Bourne. The commitment is there...the intent is there, the commitment is there, and the Legislature and the administration should feel equally committed. And obviously, I can't speak for everyone, but from my perspective, that commitment is there, and should be.