

and see what happens. And then if...I'm sure if in between now and December...now and January of next year even, if a project comes through that is reputable, credible, makes sense, is prudent and a wise investment of these dollars, I think it could probably occur. But as of today, with the variety of problems, in fighting on the board, a variety of questions zooming around on what it is the board can and cannot do with the money, a variety of questions about who will get the money, why it is that this is so important that it happens today in this year, a lot of those questions are looming out there. I think instead of just throwing \$10 million to the sharks in this whole thing, it is my job and all of our jobs to prudently manage dollars in the state. These are cash fund dollars, General Fund dollars and the like, this is \$10 million I think at this point in time, given the limited knowledge that all of us have, how this money should be spent, I think we're wiser to say, wait a second, we're going to give you some money to finance what here to date has probably a good proposal in American Eagle Fuels Company. Before you go off and spend 10, 5, 15 million dollars on an ethanol plant, there are some particular things that we all want to be comfortable that that's a wise investment of dollars. And these are farmer taxpayer dollars, I don't know what you call them, but it's surely not \$10 million in free money. We're not saying no, you simply...we're not stealing the money from the farmers, we're basically postponing the availability of that money for one year. And given the myriad of questions surrounding this issue, I think that is prudent policy for this body to do. I'll be opposing Senator Johnson's amendment. If, for some reason, between now and next January we have a proposal that...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...we all think is good, the possibility of a deficit appropriation, I mean going ahead and having a deficit appropriation of whatever the dollar amount is, it's certainly feasible. But to simply just throw it wide open I think is...I think is something I don't think it's wise for us to do. There are too many questions out there, for that reason I oppose my good friend and former boss, Senator Johnson's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,