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exist that perhaps we're not able to see right now.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: So I can see no harm in increasing the authorization for the first half of the biennium to \$10 million from that that is currently authorized. So I would urge the adoption of the Johnson amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Crosby.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support this amendment. I feel that the gasohol board has been doing a good job. This is about the same type of amendment that we had a little while ago, maybe two hours ago by now, but with the Department of Economic Development. We have the money there. Don't we trust them? Senator Baack, I have a question for you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, could you respond, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Is there still being a fee collected on each bushel of corn in Nebraska for this purpose?

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, before you answer, (gavel). Please, let's hold it down so we can hear.

SENATOR HEFNER: Maybe I could rephrase that. Where did this \$17 million come from?

SENATOR BAACK: It came from a checkoff on products.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Is the checkoff fund still going?

SENATOR BAACK: No, not for the...I don't believe it is for the ethanol.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR BAACK: I think we stopped that when it got to a certain level. We stopped the checkoff.