

good for Nebraska. It is good for agriculture. It is good for our environment as well. The ethanol industry is something we ought to strive to do. What we are struggling with is who is going to do it and how is it going to get done, and I guess the place where I come from at this point is we've made a commitment, and you have had people who have made business judgments and relied on that for funding and financing. Now, do we go back and say, well, we've changed our minds. Can we do that? Well, I guess, sure, we can do that. Is that the right thing to do? No, I don't think so because you have got people who relied on that, people who went out and invested money, made commitments, and if you are truly interested in ethanol production in this state, there is only one plant that is producing ethanol in this state, and that is the Hastings plant. They are the only ones producing at this point in time, and they are the only ones that are likely to be able to add new production at this point in time. I don't like to see debates like this because it degenerates and then everybody is going to be soured on the ethanol industry. The ethanol industry is a wonderful industry. It is one of the best things that have happened to the State of Nebraska, and the people who brought it to the State of Nebraska ought to be commended for it, and the people who want to continue it ought to be encouraged to do so because ethanol has a place in the State of Nebraska. But because it has got a place in Nebraska doesn't mean that we have to back off from our commitment and jerk it around either, and I think you need to provide some stable environment to do so. Those production credits were part of that, and there is a lot of other peripheral fights here. I think the Legislature ought to see that for what it is, and still try to do the right thing for the ethanol industry. And, Senator Wehrbein, thank you for the time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. What is there, about a minute left?

SPEAKER BAACK: About a minute and a half.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. I won't take that long. I just want to say this, appreciate what Senator Kristensen is saying. That's...I think we've explained the dilemma here in terms of what's part of the problem but I'm concerned into the future also and I guess we're going to need to probably sit back and