

is one which I can accept. If he wants to offer that amendment, I would accept that. I would like to keep the transferable credits in there if I could. I also want to say this, and I have emphasized from the beginning that I want to be fair. And I've just told Senator Rod Johnson if he wants to offer an amendment to extend the time for old production six months or a year, I'm not going to fight it. I will come back a year from now and take another look at it. And I would just suggest that sometimes on this floor we have to make those adjustments. I know that Senator Warner has long been concerned about the impact it has upon the road fund and the highway users. And, as I said earlier, with the adjustment that was made to the variable gasoline tax, it should not adversely drain from the gasohol...money should not adversely impact the road fund, that it is an added tax paid by the highway user and, therefore, perhaps ought to be handled differently. I would also suggest that if we took some of those amendments, the amendments suggested by Senator Warner and Senator Coordsen, the one discussed previously by myself and Senator Rod Johnson, that we...I would not like to see a checkoff added at this time because I think that the grain producers of this state probably have enough adversity as it is without having a checkoff started immediately. There should be no immediate need for a checkoff until next year. And so I know there is a feeling that it would not kick in until the fund was drained to a certain level but I think that I would...I would ask that we not have an automatic checkoff increase at this time, but I know that there are some differences of opinion on that and I'm willing to discuss that also. But I certainly think that perhaps the proposal relative to the two cents at the pump is one which deserves merit and I would be glad to talk about that further. I want to say again that what is good for the industry has got to be good for the individuals within the industry and vice versa. It's also got to be true that we do not benefit Nebraska agriculture nor the State of Nebraska with the...a program which only creates a small amount of market for our grain production. It has to be a substantial utilization of that product if we're going to see a substantial increase in the value of that product and I would hope that we would be able to bring about that kind of utilization. So I want to say again the amendment which you have before you is a working document. It's not a final document. I apologize that I did not get it to you earlier but I am willing to discuss those issues and I think Senator Warner has some amendments. I would like to take them one at a time rather than en masse.