

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Madam President and members, it simply adds the words "General Funds." Don't go home, Howard. This will just take a minute. You'd be surprised. I am standing to do this to make a, I guess send a message, is that what we've been doing here lately, because I remembered so clearly the dialogue on the floor not too long ago when we talked about using the trust fund money for teachers. And the language that was used had to do with things like sacred, had to do with trust and we commit ourselves to using these funds for a particular purpose. If we're not going to use it to build roads, it shouldn't be used at all. And I just want to point out that even then, as we discussed the teachers using a trust fund as a stable source of money for the help funds, we all knew that some of the trust fund money was in fact being used to supplement companies like Cargill and also being used to build buildings. It's too bad the people that hold the trust fund so sacred during that debate didn't talk about this sort of a thing. It leaves something to be desired as far as allowing us to all understand these kinds of issues. If I could ask a couple of questions and maybe, Senator Wehrbein, if you wouldn't mind.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: You mentioned eastern, that Cargill may build a plant in eastern Iowa or Nebraska.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Western Iowa or Nebraska.

SENATOR LYNCH: Western Iowa or Nebraska. Is there some guarantee that we're not going to use these funds to help build a plant in Iowa? If a plant is built in Iowa and not Nebraska, will this kind of supplement and this kind of a tax be used?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No. The bill specifically says it will be only for ethanol produced in, alcohol produced in Nebraska.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. And then the taxes that is being or that amount of money raised from that particular tax has been diverted through the years 1970, '97, by the way, I had a chance to talk with Senator Wehrbein at some length about the legislation. And he explained to me about the window of opportunity and, of course, the sunset on the use of these funds. But is this an additional tax in 1993-95 of one cent; '96 of three quarters of a cent; '97 half a cent and zero, are