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legislators that has existed on this floor in a long time. And couldn't help but remark to one of my colleagues that even the labor unions who have always, very frankly, supported the ethanol industry development are very excited about the proposed new plants that are being built, the one at Columbus...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and the expansion at Hastings. They recognize in an area where they are sometimes under the gun that this provides for some excellent jobs and that they will benefit from these construction projects. And it is, of course, to the benefit of all of us that we do have high quality labor available for work on these plants. I support this amendment, I support the bill. I'll try not to talk any more very much because I want it to move along, but I would be glad to answer any questions and help Senator Wehrbein in that area if I can. I hope the amendment is adopted.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Coordsen. I don't see Senator Coordsen. Senator Wehrbein, on your amendment. Do you wish to speak again on your amendment?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No. I'll speak a little later. I want to resay some things about what Senator Rod Johnson had said, but I don't have any more to say on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (microphone not activated) ...members of the body, if I could ask Senator Wehrbein some questions. This is more general generic I guess than on this amendment. I think I support the amendment because I think you recognize. Where is...I call it investment credit. I think the ethanol board used to give investment credit and production credit. Where is the investment credit?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Equity investment I would call it. There's only one in the state at this point, it's at Nebraska Nutrients at Sutherland. This would be discontinued completely, any new ones would be discontinued completely as of April 30, '92 if this amendment passes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: How much of the ethanol board committed themselves to that, do you know?