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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: I'm not following this as clearly as I should and I apologize, Senator Wehrbein. But this language on page 1883 references that the production, the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund shall not be funded through either the Highway Cash Fund or the...does it talk about the General Fund, the Highway Cash Fund or the Highway Trust Fund. But it doesn't talk about how it shall be funded.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR WESELY: Is there anything in this bill that talks about where the money does come from to fund this?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, not after '96. I could explain based on what Senator Johnson, there is enough money. We've got a cash flow sheet that shows there is enough money through up until 1996. If Cargill doesn't come, there is very, very little problem at all. If Cargill does come, then we will have a problem in 1996.

SENATOR WESELY: How do we take care of that problem?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, whatever the body decides at that point prior to that. I have said it could be a possibility of a corn checkoff statewide, there's a possibility of a checkoff of that corn going into the plant, a specific plant. There could be others that we might think of between now and then.

SENATOR WESELY: I'd like to ask Senator Schmit the same question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Sure, I'll be glad to do that, Senator. We'll probably do it like we do everything else around here. We scramble and find the money somewhere and I would just have to suggest that with the admonition from Senator Lynch and the rural representation on the decline in this body that I doubt very much it's going to come from the urban area. It will