

we need to recognize the value of ETBE and that it is have probably a bright, bright future. But it is uncertain as compared to MTBE which is a product from another industry, and I just simply ask you to read the end of that article. Perhaps some of that you can make up your own decision. But ETBE is an agricultural product. It does add value to ethanol. It is more useful in pipelines. I could get into a lot of technical detail on that. It's very attractive to fuel refiners and marketers who have to meet EPA standards for gasoline. It behaves like gasoline and is similar to many combustible, combustion, in many combustion aspects. It is attractive because EPA gasoline regulations require low RVP oxygenated compounds in major U.S. cities beginning November 1 of 1992. And I could go on and on, but the incentive there should be there for ETBE. I do not think at this point it will be a major hit. I am perfectly willing to look at it another year and if it needs to be refined, I would be so inclined. I know of no major manufacturing going on in this country. Part of it has to do with the EPA and the requirements that they are having hearings on at this point. But I would like to encourage that this stay in the bill at this point in time.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. We are now on Section 10 of the amendment. Senator Hall, do you wish to address that section?

**SENATOR HALL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise to support the position that Senator Wehrbein has taken with regard to Section 10 and leave it in the bill. The issue is before the Revenue Committee and although I do understand Senator Wesely's question of it in terms of what the potential cost may or may not be, at present it's my understanding that the production is roughly, I guess, based on 1991 year that it would be approximately 3,500 gallons that were produced. And I think the way the bill is drafted it's a 50 cent credit per gallon that would amount to approximately a \$1,750 income tax credit based on production that took place in 1991 taxable year. So in terms of the cost as it relates to the production that is currently taking place in the state with ETBE, the cost at present is very minimal. Now if there is a plant that's put in place, if production rises to the level that they are proposed, I believe that Senator Wesely's concerns could very likely be something we need to take a look at. Should we do it at this point by striking the amendment? I don't think so. I would prefer that we take a look at it somewhere down the road in terms of