

industry make that decision. I think that we should in this case let industry make their own decisions as to how best to utilize the production of a wet corn milling plant, whether it be in the form of ethanol, whether it be in the form of corn starch, livestock feed or a dozen other commodities, by-products or main products, or whether it shall be utilized as ETBE. It is very likely that the EPA will continue to be active in this area and they may do something which would make ETBE more valuable. Then we should and could come back at a later time, take another look at it, but I don't think that we should at this time preclude ETBE. It's very, very unwise. It's absolutely unwise. One of the major obstacles that has been placed in the path of the ethanol development over the last 20 years has been by well-intentioned legislators limiting the types of activity that could take place so that no business could get into it. We've stood on this floor many times and argued about the importance of consistency in legislation. And I did not support 775. I do not support its repeal. I do not support 773. I do not support the messing around with the income tax rates on a consistent basis. There are many, many times that once we establish a process on this floor I feel it is necessary that we allow for the process to work. I think it's important that we recognize that MTBE is made from natural gas, it is made from coal and we may, if we take an action that is detrimental to the utilization of ETBE thereby in a left-handed way or back-handed way or some other way encourage a competitive product that is not ag related. We are agriculturally oriented. Whatever benefits agriculture benefits the rest of the state I think. We've said it many times, sometimes I don't know if we mean it or not. But to take, to strike Section 10 at this time I believe is premature and is certainly not consistent with what we have done. The Nebraska Ethanol Authority has been a leader in the research and development of ETBE. I think we should commend them for that and recognize that they have taken some lumps and they have taken some really precarious positions. But that's what it is about. I have told them many times and I continue to say it today, I do not fault them for making errors. I fault them if they do nothing, and that is the way I feel about many of these programs. I feel the same way about the checkoff programs. I've told the corn checkoff and the wheat checkoff and the sorghum and every other kind of checkoff, you are supposed to be innovative. If we knew it was going to work 100 percent of the time, we'd use General Fund money or we would use our own funds. But part of the research...