

you I missed and if you would be interested, I would be still pleased to have you comment about it. But this is what I worked on in May and also here a month...or a week or so ago to get some support for this. We still don't know if they will come but we feel that this is a very, very important commitment to them on behalf of the State of Nebraska to come. And I know we realize what resolutions are but I am committed to by the Governor and by myself to do all we can to provide these production incentives for them to come to Nebraska and they have given a strong indication that they will but are right now just short of actually making a commitment. So I want those to understand that. What I have said in this that this will be considered in January and we will take steps to provide the incentives for them to come. I consider this a very serious issue, a very serious commitment on behalf of the Legislature. I realize it's not appropriate to take it up at this stage of our legislative life. I simply want to have you read through this. I handed out a handout showing the importance of this particular plant in Nebraska. It would be one of the largest. It's a huge investment and not only provides a huge potential corn market for up to 60 million bushels of corn, but it also can provide a lot of construction jobs and operating jobs over the time, but the amount of construction jobs are enormous. It takes a lot of local inputs to operate this plant. The electricity is there and will be expanded at Nebraska City also. So I think this is something that is exactly what Nebraska has been looking for across the state. This will benefit all the state and in addition to the region it is something that will put us into the corn milling area which is really one of the ways of the future in terms of using corn. Alcohol will be a by-product but it's felt that in general the future really will be with the corn products being milled for sweeteners, the uses of the starch and other uses that will be looked at, including plastics. In other areas where this plant is located there has been additional industry gone in next to it. And, in fact, there was a dedication just last Wednesday of another similar priced plant, not for the same purpose, but for that amount of investment. So I can't really emphasize too much the importance that I attach to this resolution and to the importance of taking the issue up seriously on behalf of all of us in January. And, with that, I would urge your strong consideration.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I will now recognize Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Schellpeper. Senator Schmit. Senator Rod Johnson.