

plant that's buying up a lot of grain there. So, obviously, you need a large plant presence in Nebraska to really have some benefit. I think the plant that we're talking about here indeed would have that. It's a sizeable investment in the State of Nebraska, sizeable economic development in the State of Nebraska and sizeable job growth in what could arguably be not exactly a depressed area but not as good as we would like. So, for that reason, I support working with Senator Wehrbein in trying to find some way to make this work. Now, on the other hand, I realize that it's Senator Wehrbein's resolution and, obviously, we're not addressing with the resolution but something we all need to understand. We are talking about a financial commitment, obviously, in I guess the worst case scenario from a budget perspective. Obviously, if...Senator Wehrbein, if you could answer a question.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MOORE: Given the present drafting of seven years and a \$2 million cap and the state's exposure for this plan is 14, \$15 million, I mean,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: A 5 million cap. This resolution would involve a \$15 million max.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Five million per year for three years.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, I mean, there's a 15 million...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We're already exposed on the other...presently in the ethanol fund until '97.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, this is, you know, exposes...if indeed next year we come back and really want to do this, we've got to find a way to find \$15 million. I mean, that's...we all understand that to be the question, whether that comes from the...I guess my attitude is that that \$17 million sitting there ought to go for new plants and going to readdress now...I guess now that Senator Schmit is gone, I apologize to Senator Bohlke since she represents that district. In my opinion, instead of pumping that money into the Hastings plant that's been there for years, we ought to be using that money to lure these type of plants in here but that's an argument for another day. But, nevertheless,