

business...we always want to say government should be run like a business, well, let's run one like a business and evaluate the bottom line of the money we're investing in these plants and these production credits and whether the return on that investment justifies the investment. That's what I'm suggesting we do. But we're making a commitment here without evaluating the full impact of the obligation we're about to undertake and we don't seem to care about it. That's fine. I care about it and I'm not going to support the resolution because we haven't been given the facts about the full exposure that we have in this area. There's a knee jerk response, ethanol is good, ethanol plants in Nebraska are good so this resolution is good. All right, well, maybe the first is good, ethanol is good, production plants...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...in Nebraska are good but is this resolution good? Is this investment we're going to be making, exposure to the tax base good? I don't know. And we haven't been given the facts to be able to evaluate that. We're just being told a little bit here, a little bit there and I know that nobody is hiding anything. We don't have more information. But I have requested from the Department of Economic Development some...some analysis of the exposure to the tax base that we have already made right now with the law that we have on the books, how much money are we talking about and what kind of cost benefit analysis has been done and will they do a cost benefit analysis on these projects so we can better evaluate whether or not these are investments we want to make. That's how you run a business. That's how they run their business. Let's try it for a change on our side of the coin. Before we put up the bucks, the millions of dollars, let's be sure that that's the way we want to go. And if, after that analysis, it does make sense, then I will be one of the first to come to the support of the resolution and the legislation that will follow it. But I haven't seen anything presented today and I haven't seen it in the past...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...that would help justify at this point in facts and figures the sort of proposal that's before us.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I will now