

to Missouri and Iowa and there might be some Iowa and Missouri corn coming across the river into that plant and then we would be, of course, subsidizing the production of out of state corn. Secondly, because Senator Wesely was born in Butler County, I always feel uneasy if he and I are on opposite sides of an issue and so I wanted to bring his support into the issue. I recall how we amended 775 for Goodyear and instantly I decided maybe we could do the same thing here. Now that I got that out of the way, I want to just say this. Senator Chambers makes some good points but I think it's important also to note that I have had some doubts about the tapping of the Highway Trust Funds relative to this program. But I hope you know also that half of this money that money that goes into these credits does come from a farmer imposed checkoff fee and I think that when we recognize that much of our industrial development is financed through the General Fund it is unfair to expect any industrial development related to agriculture to be self-financed by agriculture. I do believe that we ought to take a look, in years to come, of shifting the general...the nonagricultural funding from the Highway Trust Fund to the General Fund. I think there are some legitimate reasons for it. Senator Wesely raises some good points relative to the obligations that are out there but I can tell you, and I think Senator Wehrbein and Rod Johnson and others will tell you, that if we can actually see some construction being done, then it is not impossible to go back to the grain producers of this state and ask for a reinstatement of the checkoff. One of the points...one of the reasons why I support the entry into this area of Cargill is that if we are going to make any positive improvement in the commodity market, then we need to have a significant market for that product. A \$10 million plant...a 10 million gallon plant which uses 2.5 million bushels of corn per year is not going to significantly impact the market except in a local area. But if we can build an industry that uses 10 or 12 or 15 percent of our commodity production, then we can look for an increased amount of product selling at a higher rate to the farmer...for the farmer. The other point I want to make is this and that is that I would like...I would much prefer that all the alcohol plants were owned by farmers and operated by farmers so that we were not faced with the possibility of selling our corn and our sorghum and our wheat at the lowest possible price to the Cargills and the other entities and buying back the alcohol and the by-products at the highest possible price. I tried that proposal. Couldn't get the job done. I even tried to do it when it came to buying at Hastings. Couldn't get the support on