

production...producer credits, he felt, would be paid for by a checkoff, corn checkoff, but I think there is some real reluctance to do that. And if that doesn't happen, then the commitment to extend the producer credits further obligates Highway Trust Fund dollars and those tax dollars which are already at a level of 60...50, 60, 100 million, whatever, we're not sure yet, would be even greater and without an idea of where the money comes from to make it up, the Highway Trust Fund would have to make it up under the legislation we passed. So do we want that additional exposure? This resolution doesn't have any funding mechanism other than that and so maybe that isn't the way to do. Obviously, if you have a corn checkoff here in Nebraska, but the corn will be used from all over the Midwest, our corn producers will be paying additional money and the price will go up and would have gone up had the plant been located probably in Iowa or someplace else in the vicinity of Nebraska. And that's the whole point. If...the idea is that corn prices will go up and that will help the economy and thus pay for this investment. Corn prices will go up with the plants close to Nebraska anyway because that's exactly what will happen, it will be a regional market and I don't see necessarily, outside of the fact that we have the construction activity and the jobs created within the state and that is significant and important where the corn market ends up being the benefit that some people say it is. Unless we do more of an analysis at this point, it doesn't seem clear to me. So all I'm saying is, again, I'm going to just drop...drop the opposition to the resolution. I'll support the Chambers amendment. I've got another amendment that I will probably just withdraw and suggest that I'm not ready to support the resolution without more facts and figures, not that I'm opposed to it but that I can't support it with the information we have now in making a commitment that could cost us quite a bit in the future without knowing what we get back for it in any specific terms. So it may not seem important to a lot of people, but we are talking about a multimillion dollar obligation that I think we ought to be a little more concerned about.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Before I recognize the next speaker, I would like to direct the senators' attention to the area under the north balcony. The special guest today of Senator Coordsen is Maylon Kennel of Shickley. Would you please rise, Mr. Kennel, and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. The speaking order now is Senator Nelson, followed by Senators Haberman and Wehrbein. Senator Nelson, do you wish