

resolution. (The Wesely amendment appears on page 108 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. This is the amendment I discussed about trying to indicate that the extension of the producer credits would be funded through a corn checkoff. That's what was discussed last year, as we discussed this issue. That's what I've talked with Senator Wehrbein about. In talking to a representative of the corn industry, there is a lot of concern about a production checkoff on corn because, again, this plant, though located in Nebraska, will not necessarily, obviously, buy just Nebraska corn and so the corn producers here will have some of their products, obviously, used by this plant but other states will as well and so Nebraska producers will be subsidizing other state's producers and that's a concern. But, again, that makes the point that Senator Chambers has been trying to make, that we ought to try and find a way...if we're going to be putting money into this, whether it be corn checkoff or whether it be tax dollars to the Highway Trust Fund, that we try to make sure that this plant, if Nebraskans are putting in the money to help bring them here, that Nebraska corn is what's used in that plant. And it seems like good business sense to try and accomplish that and because we can't work that out at this point in this discussion, I will withdraw the amendment but again point out the concerns I have about will this really be a benefit to our corn producers and is there not a way to strike a better bargain for them and the taxpayers of the state as well. So I withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak on the...okay, there is no one else wishing to speak on the main motion so I will recognize Senator Wehrbein for closing.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Madam President. I will be brief. I simply appreciate the discussion this morning. I think everyone well understands the situation and what...that I will be back in with a bill in January. I will take to heart very seriously the points raised by Senator Wesely and Senator Chambers. It is my intent to pursue what you discussed, Senator Wesely, so you know a checkoff is one alternative. I just preferred not to be locked in but I definitely will consider that. With that, I would urge your support for this and, hopefully, within a few weeks we will be able to see announcement of this major plant in Nebraska. Thank you.