

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will make that bet, \$50 to anybody who wants to get it. You are going to grovel, you are going to prostrate this state, and offer up everything in the way that that young lady that Senator Day told us about who has been tricked to North Platte and couldn't get a job, she had to sell her body. By analogy, Nebraska is selling its integrity, its dignity. It is no longer chaste, thanks to 775, but there may have been a rehabilitation period between then and now, it's all going down the drain. This is not special legislation. My time has run out, so I have to put my light back on.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This probably isn't the time to do so but I've never been good on timing anyway so I am going to go ahead and bring up the subject as it is. One of the reasons, I supported...I support the package that is before us, but I say that I am not really excited for the package to move today, and the reason I am really not excited for the package to move today is because we have done in the state in the past economic incentives, and I am thinking specifically of ethanol. We have an EPIC fund, we have an incentive where we wanted to bring ethanol plants into the state, and we will have something less than but somewhere between 70 and 90 million dollars of incentives that we have to pay, and there is no monies for that. We don't have the monies to pay that. In the Governor's budget, there was zip on General Funds, and supposedly people are going to get together and try to work something out. Well, nothing has been worked out. One side says that the consumers or the farmer, the one in agriculture needs to come up with the dollars on checkoff; others say, no, it should be General Funds. The bottom line is there is no monies for that. And I am real nervous about, in fact, I really don't want to do anything further on incentives if we can't meet the obligations of the incentives we already have. So I would really...I would really, in fact, Senator Wehrbein, I would like to ask a couple of questions, if I may. On the EPIC fund, as we speak now, how many dollars would be, in least in this biennium, would we need in order to fund in the EPIC fund, need to fund that this year, and what's the estimate in the outlying years, just in ball park figures.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Bernard-Stevens, actually for this biennium, we are still okay, but we are going to be about