

90 million short at the end of it, when the whole thing runs out in December of 2000.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, am I correct then, in the budget that you will be hearing this afternoon, on the Governor's budget, that there is no monies in there to help on that at this point.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: At this point, there is no...there is some bills in but there is no proposals at this point for the ethanol fund for this biennium.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, okay, and, quite honestly, I would rather see the Legislature do the following, say, look, we believe this is a good...these programs, this package we have is a good package, but let's hold on a minute. Let's hold on just a minute. Let's keep the package right here and say, look, this is probably going to move, but until it moves...but before it moves let's find...let's have the Governor's Office sit down with the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and Senator McKenzie and others, Senator Bohlke, and others that are interested in the ethanol situation, and say, how are we going to meet our existing obligations? And come up with some type of plan and maybe it is only going to be a plan for the first two years of the debt that we have, maybe it is only going to be a six or twelve million dollar General Fund hit, that we...we at least hit that and the rest will be worked out two years from now in the next biennial budget; it would be a Governor's initiative or something along that line, but I don't...I am not comfortable with the idea of going more incentives in the long run when we haven't taken care of the ones that we already have. And I am also uncomfortable by saying, well, let's go ahead and move the packages forward, and we will work out something. Well, we haven't worked out something in about a year and a half to two years on it, so I...somehow I think we need to bring some pressure to bear and maybe this is the leverage to use. I don't know if some of my rural colleagues, if that is why the amendments are here in general, but I do have some concerns on the ethanol program. We need to have it funded. I'd hate to see all of this package continue to move and we don't even fund the existing obligations we have. That's the concern I have and I want to...I thought maybe now is the time to put those on the table. The arguments need to be put on the table what we are really talking about here and not some of the periphery things that have...