

Missouri has 20 cents, Michigan has 30 cents, North Dakota has 40 cents; Ohio, again, with 1 cent, South Dakota with 20 cents and Washington with 3.7 cents. And the only note on this information is it said the 20-cent producer payment is for igneous alcohol, which is ethanol. So when...we're not alone in providing incentives for ethanol production but we are alone in calling upon the producers of the bulk commodity to pay to the extent that we do, I don't know, and certainly I am aware that all of the commodity groups and all of the farm organizations that I am aware of, if they've agreed to any additional commitment on the part of production of agriculture at all, that maximum agreement has been a half cent to balance the fund on out through the year 2000, which is where the sunset is at. It seems in the coming out of an intensive week of debate on additional economic development incentives beyond the 775 package, and bear in mind that the 775 package, for the most part, was available in some fashion or the other to the five plants that we either have in production or are in the process of completion, I think we have to make a decision on 377. I know that certainly the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...Agriculture Committee has made or agriculture community has made a commitment for one-half cent. When you're looking at an investment currently with planned expansions of \$720 million, 570 employees, without considering any spin-off benefits, that perhaps the incentive for an absolutely phenomenally successful economic development program maybe ought not to be borne on one segment of our economy to the extent that's being proposed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, in a way the checkoff could be viewed as those who will benefit from something, making an investment in it. But that's not what I want to talk about. What I'm going to do is observe and listen to the discussion on LB 377 because I have some theories that are much broader in their scope and impact than what is contained in the bill. I'm looking at what we did recently for Micron. I can't get that out of my mind, and out of sight won't be out of mind either. When Micron goes to Utah and I collect my \$25 from Senator Engel and my dollar from Senator Bud Robinson, I'm still going to have a bitter taste in my mouth