

moves down. Cheap ethanol is 35 miles from where I live. We might get a cent more than we would selling it somewhere else, but we save in having no storage and we save in having to transport only 30 miles. That's where we see the benefit of another cent or two cents. So those parts of the argument, because this is a commodity market and because this is something that is sold in bulk make it a little different an impact whether or not you get a penny or whether you get 10 cents because of the different types of plants that are out there. Again, I caution you and encourage you to think about one-half cent versus three-quarter cent and will be watching carefully if you support one-half...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...then I expect that you will be willing to make some tough cuts when it comes time to deal with the budget. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members, just briefly, I was going to again rise to support the three-quarter cent. It's been indicated by others that there was a range of options that were talked about. This one works. The other thing I wanted to clarify, I think Senator McKenzie perhaps did in her remarks, but I know I failed to make it clear in mine and we have an amendment to make it clear, but I think the issue was raised whether or not grain that came in from out of state would be subject and it is intended, the bill as introduced as well as the amendment from the committee, that any grain that was purchased, delivered and purchased in Nebraska irregardless of where it would be raised would be subject to that three-quarter cent and that's how the bill is intended to function. There will be an amendment to make it maybe a little more clearer but it should be...it's the intent and I believe the wording is such that it's not only the Nebraska producer but others out of state whose grain is being purchased in the state and delivered to be used for this would be also subject to the three-quarter cent.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Coordsen, followed by Senators Bromm, Dierks, Vrtiska, Maurstad, Beutler, Chambers and Schellpeper.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body,