

the quarter cent produces.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I don't know that there is a magical difference between a half and three-quarters of a cent. I will say that there has to be a determination of how much is enough. You recall when this program was first started it was going to be paid for with the \$18 million that was in the Ethanol Development Authority Construction Grant Fund. We didn't realize the program would have absolutely that much success and it's success that leads us to the place we are today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I rise to talk a little bit about the issue and to ask the body's support for this entire concept partly for some of the reasons alluded to by Senator Chambers. I think we could accomplish a lot more in this Legislature by working together than by opposing each other if we can agree on what working together means and what's important. I guess two-thirds of us decided that the Micron issue was important enough for the entire state that they're willing to swallow whatever parochial or local difficulties we might have with it in order to do the job to provide the state that opportunity and I don't sense that there is great opposition to the bill here at all and that we all agree that economic development is a definite attribute of the ethanol production that we're seeing in the growth, that there are spin-off, that there are jobs that benefit the communities, urban and rural, definitely benefits the corn producers and the ag sector without any question, so we all agree on that. I guess I have some concerns that we're being asked to do, we're being asked to triple the checkoff from a fourth to three-fourths, that's tripling it. Let's not misstate that and I know there's another quarter cent so there is a total cent checkoff if we do the three-quarters. If we do the half cent suggested by Senator Schrock we'll have a total corn checkoff of three-quarter cent and by going from a fourth to three-fourths, as I stated, for this purpose it's tripling it. To go to the half it's doubling it for that purpose and that is significant. That is large. You're going to be asked in a few days, some time here, to double the fishing license fee, almost double, from \$11.50 to \$20.50 or something like that, about double, and