

nothing. I told you they come with a dozen of eggs and you have a dozen and they negotiate till they have two dozen and you have none. Then they say when you get some more eggs let's negotiate again. You have to play hardball. We're not playing things where we're doing favors for you. These companies that buy the corn for ethanol production are not doing it to help the farmer or as a favor. They buy it where they can get the cheapest price. So you all have to look out for those interests and...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if you don't put enough from your side, General Fund money is not coming and I'll lay some wages on that too while I'm in the bookie business.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members, I really don't know what I'm going to do with this amendment. I kind of have mixed emotions. I realize that we need the money for ethanol, but I also realize that it's a state responsibility. I think a lot of times as we look at it we think this is only for the corn producers and it's really, it helps the state probably more than it helps the corn producers. One thing that also bothered me is that the state is not committed past the first two years basically. How we're going to raise the \$13 million past the first two years, the Governor and the administration has said we will attempt to find the money. If it's there, it's okay, but they are not basically committed to that \$13 million and I agree with Senator Chambers that they're going to be back and they're going to say well we don't have the money, we're either going to have to have more checkoff or we're going to have to have another tax imposed to find this \$13 million. Now if that would have all been worked out with the 2 million a year plus the additional funding to the year 2000, then I think it's a real good amendment and I think that's what the Revenue Committee attempted to do. The difference between a half cent and a three-quarter cent checkoff is about \$2 million a year. It sounds, in this body, probably not like very much but that's quite a bit for rural areas to pay and I think it's a state responsibility to pay a lot of these ethanol credits, but that's beside the point. I guess it's going to be paid. Now I think the Warner amendment gets to where I would like to have us be because I think when you have a