

plant like Cargill that's going to use about three-fourths of their corn from Iowa, they should also be paying for some of that corn and I think that amendment will attempt to at least get some funding from the Iowa corn producers. So I think when we get to it, that will be a good amendment. This amendment, when we talked about it in the Revenue Committee, I was never very supportive of it. I don't know what I'm going to do yet, but I think I would really like to see the state committed more as a state and not put it on the back of the corn producers. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Janssen, followed by Senators Lynch and Bromm.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. President, members, I've been following along here on the discussion and I believe at the present time I will support 377. It all depends upon how many amendments are tacked onto it. Maybe they're good amendments, I'm not sure, Senator Schrock, whether that's a good idea to bring that back to a half a cent. The way I understand it right now and if I'm wrong I wish someone would tell me I'm wrong. If I take a bushel of corn into the local Co-op or wherever I intend on selling it, there is going to be one cent taken off of that bushel of corn. No matter what the price is it's going to be one cent with this bill. With Senator Schrock's bill it will be three-quarters of a cent. Am I right, Senator McKenzie? All right, fine. All right, that, you know and I've been informed by the Cargill plant in Blair that the possibility of about 10 cents a bushel would be realized in excess of the...it would raise up to about 10 cents a bushel more and that's a pretty good price I would say. I know corn is cheap. It actually should probably be around \$5 a bushel for the corn producers to realize a decent profit out of this, all they have to interject into the system of growing corn. The last time that I was involved in any corn production, why I know our cost per bushel wasn't nearly as high as it is now. It was starting to escalate at that time, but we still used tractors that only cost about two to \$3,000 at that time which is a heck of a lot less than what they are now. But I have a concern about what could happen if we keep increasing, if we keep increasing this checkoff all the time, it will eat up that 10 cents a bushel or will the demand for corn be so great in this state that we'll go to 20 cents a bushel? I don't know that. Nobody knows that and nobody in this body knows exactly where we're going to be at in the next five years either. So hopefully that it doesn't absorb