

Now, having said that, I think that the half cent doubles the checkoff with respect to ethanol from a quarter to a half, and I think we go with that and we see where we're at in a year or two. I think that's a substantial increase. The Governor is talking about having several million dollars to refund for income taxes. Obviously there's going to be some money available if that commitment can be made. So I think we go with the half cent and we see where people's commitments are. And if we need to revisit it in a year or two, we revisit it again. But I...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...I'm really concerned that there are lots of people who think that three-quarters cent is going to do it from now infinitum, and that just isn't the commitment that's there. So I am going to support the Schrock amendment. Appreciate him bringing it and the discussion it's precipitated. And I think it's clear that we might be back at the well in a year or two, even if we go with three-quarters cent, and I have a real concern about that. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator. For your information, that was your third time on this particular issue. Senator Bohlke, followed by Senators McKenzie, Stuhr, Hartnett, Chambers, Beutler and Wehrbein.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, as I've listened to the discussion on the floor, and the questions as to what kind of a commitment there may or may not be for this biennium and into the future, I think it's...and I think that Senator McKenzie has tried to clearly indicate that there's intention from the Governor, but I think we also need to realize that the two million, even in this biennium, is if we come to the end and the cuts haven't been made, that the Governor has, in other committees, that this is off the table. And I think people have to clearly recognize that. And certainly when we get into the out years, and we're talking about \$11 million, I read that "if" in the paper and I saw that "if". It was if the other cuts, if we needed to make other cuts to make that happen, and if those cuts were available. And so I think the people do need to realize that and be exactly aware of the type of commitment, certainly that the Governor supports ethanol and the economic development. But if in other committees, or if at the end of the biennium there have to be cuts that haven't occurred in