

other pieces of legislation, that this certainly will be on the table to look at for those cuts. The only other thing that I heard a couple of senators say is what an economic boon this is for farmers and, although we certainly realize and welcome ethanol production, I did walk across the aisle and remind those people that as we did tax incentives, which I supported, for business, we in turn are not asking business to turn around and carry the tax for that. And this, if we really think of it as economic development, we're calling economic development, but then we're turning around and taxing a certain portion of the population. I think that that's something that, in my mind, needs to be raised for people to consider that may not understand agriculture or agriculture production. That some of us view it that there certainly has been a difference. I haven't decided yet what I'm going to do on this particular amendment because if we support the Schrock amendment that means a lower amount of money, and then at the end of the biennium if we are having to look for ways to balance the budget and we have less money generated from the tax, that means that there could certainly be a higher likelihood that the Governor will have to come in and cut more than the 2 million. And so considering that, I think we better vote for this amendment with our eyes wide open and what could be the eventual outcome. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I believe, Senator Bernard-Stevens, is this my last time to speak?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you. I want to make just a couple of points then knowing this is the last time I get to speak on the amendment. Reminding everyone what the process will be involved in this legislation because it does have General Fund appropriations. If in fact we advance 377 to Select and then to Final, it will sit there, with other bills having some sort of appropriation, until we get to the budget. And it's early in the session, everyone is still speaking to each other after the Micron debate and now we're on to the next issue. But I will warn my colleagues that if we believe or have any guarantee that there couldn't be an attempt to pull it back from Final for a specific amendment based on other things that happen between now and the budget, that happens all the time. I would love to have