

which gave us some incentive to start all of these plants in their development. Also the question has been asked, well you'll probably just produce more corn. And I say with all the technology there is a limit. We're already approaching 200 bushels possibly per acre, so I don't see in the future that our total amount from our states will...from our state will actually vary that much. I guess just in closing I...I...again I feel the economy of this state depends on agriculture, and I think we can all work together on this issue. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: See if it works? It does work. Mr. Chairman, I call the question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall the question be called? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Debate has ceased. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I want it to be known that I'm very grateful for the State of Nebraska's involvement in the ethanol industry. Yes, it will help the price of grain. It is regional because some areas of the state will be affected more than others. I've thought of some innovative ways to fund the Ethanol Fund, and I'm still going to pursue some more ways on Select File. A check-off on computer chips seemed inappropriate as it's probably not very closely related to corn, but it did enter my mind. It did enter my mind that the income tax paid to the state by the employees of the ethanol plants should go to the Producer Credit Funds, I don't think that's so...have we done that someplace else, or have I missed something? Senator Beutler, if you're in the body, I would make an observation to you, the fertilizer tax has been fought. I brought it up, you brought it up, I may not have the last word but I'm going to say one more item on it. Two years ago anhydrous ammonia, at the place that I purchase my fertilizer, was \$160 a ton, last year it was \$190 a ton. I just checked last week, it is \$310 a ton, that's a 100 percent increase in the major ingredient of