

the State of Nebraska, who are already here, who already have employees living and working in this state and again the discussion comes back to, well, this is ethanol. I beg to differ. This is economic development and we didn't seem to have a great deal of fear about tax credits and how that impacts the General Fund, so I would say in light of the fact that what we're talking about here, yes, are ethanol plants and, yes, we do have contracts with those plants and, yes, the state is obligated, that it would make good policy for us to solve this problem with good faith for those companies who have come here understanding that we offer them an incentive and they are now here, that we say this is not money we play political football with year after year after year. It is an obligation and the state is responsible. So I would argue that this is a little different than some other issues that we deal with when we talk appropriations, this is something that we absolutely have to do and should not be coming back year after year to say, I'm sorry, we don't have the money at the state level to do it. We'll have to find some other tax somewhere to do it. This takes that argument out of the mix and I think in a very good approach justifies their investment and justifies the incentive that we provided initially. I would agree that it's probably not good policy for us to do direct transfers on a lot of other issues, but in this one and because we are talking economic development, I would argue that we, in fact, should use this approach in solving the problem so that we can honor those contracts and honor our obligation to those companies who have located in Nebraska.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Wehrbein, on the Withem amendment to the McKenzie amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I support what...the amendment of Senator McKenzie. I'm not clear what Senator Withem has actually said. You raised the issue...Senator Withem, may I ask you exact...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...I think I know what you want to say but I'm not sure how you've said it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The only issue I raise and I'll use my own time to get in more specifically and respond to some of the comments Senator McKenzie made. The only issue I raise is the procedural