

Chair, but I would be interested in other viewpoints on why the intent, and if that is absolutely crucial to your support of the bill, I don't think we should get hung up on wording at this time. And those of you that do, I would like to have you speak to it because I think this bill in itself is critical to have, it's critical to move forward with the intent and the support for all Nebraskans as well as the industries that have come here. And if we're going to get hung up over wording, then we need to work it out.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think Senator McKenzie has been up front and I stand to oppose the Bernard-Stevens amendment, and Monday they're going to start grinding corn up in Blair, and there will be probably over 250 people will be starting to work and their income taxes are going to go to the State of Nebraska and their sales taxes are going to go to the State of Nebraska. We can talk about the 13 million, but I think we're sending the wrong signal if we are not in accord with Senator McKenzie. I think you have to give those companies the confidence that we're going to follow through with what we said we were going to do. One hundred twenty thousand bushels of corn a day will be ground at the Blair plant, probably will quadruple to a half a billion bushel in five or six years because they're looking at expanding right now to things other than ethanol, hear what I said, other than ethanol. So please vote against the Bernard-Stevens amendment and support Senator McKenzie. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR STUHR: Members of the Legislature, I stand opposed to Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment. I feel that the original bill, Senator McKenzie's amendment, is the one that we should follow. I feel that we have given our support and that we should follow through with this concern. So I do oppose Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. Senator Bernard-Stevens, the amendment that you have before us is to...AML076, is that correct? And I apologize, if you would