

sound a little bit like a broken record but I am...I was trying to figure out how to articulate how I was feeling about this the past few days and I think it's been captured by the prior three speakers. I start with the premise that ethanol production is an economic development measure. I think it was viewed that way when the state decided to go into it in the...to the size and scale that we have and it's been extremely successful and it's going to be only more successful in the next four or five years than it has been already. So it's really a worthwhile economic development measure. With that comes the obligation that we have written into the law before many of us were here to fund that incentive and it's really no different, in my view, than 775 or the Micron package, and I agr with Senator Warner that, ideally, I would prefer to appropriate all of those things as you go. If the 775 tax credits and benefits were back before us on a year to year basis, we would know exactly how many dollars that means to the state. If the Micron package becomes successful and we do have development by companies of that size and scale, it would be nice for us to perhaps have that back before us on a biennium basis and appropriate the funds that are necessary for the job training and see just exactly if it's doing what we want it to do. But that isn't the path we have gone down in the past. In the past, we have said we are going to give these companies incentives and we're going to build them into the law and they can rely upon it because it's in the law. If we had said in the Micron package it is our intent, after two years, to go along with additional refunds of income tax for job training, I don't know how that would have sold to the Micron people or how the Governor and Maxine Moul would have felt about presenting that. So I'm having a hard time understanding why we would want to differentiate with this project. That's my first problem. My second problem is the, what Senator Warner referred to as the cliff hanging out there. I would call it the gigantic barrier that we have to figure out a way to loop, to jump over in a couple years the difference between \$2 million and \$13 million, and I don't understand why we wouldn't want to plan for that if it's our intent to take care of this on a little bit more timely basis by putting some up there now in the next two and four years to take care of that problem without having such a problem. What if we're in a recession at that time, who knows? There are all kinds of questions. I don't know if Senator Wehrbein would yield to a question, but he is the one that I would like to ask a question to, if I could. Senator Wehrbein.