

the things that he said are the things that I believe. I believe that...in the process of the ethanol program that's been set forth, but I do have the same frustration that he does. All of us recognize that if production agriculture had increased at the rate of inflation, as many of our salaries have increased at that rate, there would not be that problem today. Many of the people in agriculture that I have talked to said that if their incomes had matched what those who are in the salary range, they wouldn't have any problem in buying into this...into this affair of increase in amount that production agriculture would contribute. I have supported the idea of production agriculture supporting the ethanol through a tax and I will continue to support that but I do have some frustration because I understand that it's very difficult to continue to expect one segment of the economy to bear what some feel is an unfair share of the burden. I have, as Senator Bromm had indicated earlier, had many people approach me about this. I've tried to debate the issue on the fairness of it. I've also brought in the issue that hasn't been talked about today that this is certainly a threat to some of the oil bearing countries of the world who could control the price of our gasoline if they desired to get their cartel together and put the pressure on like they did a few years ago and raise the price of gasoline to a much higher rate than it is now. And, for all we know, this may be the threat that's helping to suppress their ideas of trying to raise the price of crude oil to this country. Be that as it may, I still...I'm continuing to be somewhat flustered with the idea of whether or not we should...although I will vote to move this bill ahead, I think that it does need some more discussion and perhaps it can get that on the final...on the next stage of debate when, as I think Senator Coordsen indicated, and Senator McKenzie agreed that when they find out what the Appropriations Committee is able to come up with, maybe there will be some restructuring and we can come up with something that maybe all of us can feel more comfortable with. So that's the part that I wanted to add and, as I said earlier, Senator Schrock took away many of the things I wanted to say but I want to endorse some of the things he said because they are certainly the things that I feel also, as a person who is involved in agriculture, and understands the problems that many of the people who are involved in production agriculture feel about this issue. I know there's support and, as I said, I support the concept but I do have some problems and I'm going to be watching very carefully, as this thing progresses, as to what measures we can take to make perhaps a more fair distribution of the burden that