

corn checkoff or the grain checkoff, also in fertilizer taxes. We've heard about the potential benefits to the ag society, what we also have to realize that there are other potential benefits affecting other segments of society, among those, as was mentioned, construction. Well, how about environmental concerns? Because it says right here in the policy that we have reduced the polluting components of the atmosphere. So maybe the environmental concerns, the nature conservancy and whatever else, they would be willing to help fund these ethanol plants. How about the plants themselves? They are then able to sell the by-products of this ethanol to the local feed yards. They're getting money from this, perhaps they would like to also help fund themselves. Most businesses, when they start up in this state, take a financial risk. It is up to them and their management ability and their management style as to whether they are going to succeed in business. Maybe the businesses themselves need to take part of this risk, so, although I do appreciate the front-loading, I'm still not completely sure what I'm going to do on this bill, but I just wanted you to be aware that the alcohol plants are here for the public good of Nebraska. Perhaps we ought to look at the public being responsible for some more of that funding. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you. Senator Withem. Senator Withem, followed by Senator Elmer, Senator Bohlke, Senator McKenzie and Senator Cudaback.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. President and members of the body, I punched on my light to respond to something Senator Bromm had to say and I don't know if Senator Bromm is on the floor or not. Hopefully, he's someplace where he can hear and other members can hear because I did take, oh, exception probably is too strong a word, but did want to clarify something that Senator Bromm alluded to. And, Senator Bromm, when he stood up and expressed his concerns about this amendment and why he was having troubles deciding how to vote, alluded to the Micron discussion. This is not a para...an exact paraphrase of his words but what I got out of what he had to say was a concern about the process that had gone on whereas the Micron bills were before us, some people from the ag sector of the Legislature expressed a concern about what was going to be done with LB 377, that there were some meetings and discussions coming out on LB 377. Some people voted for the Micron bills because of...or at least were more comfortable with the Micron bills because of that discussion and now they wonder why changes are taking