

was just kind of an attempt at a little humorous shot back in your direction because you brought that up. But it probably is a good point. It probably...and I...that's another reason why I don't like to see us make these type of commitments. But it seems to me as though things are working their way out. I just wanted to clarify that if Senator Bromm thought that some sort of agreement had been reached and then was breached the other day after the Micron bills had been passed and somebody had gone back on a word, I don't think so. The commitment that I had made was to support some General Fund appropriation this year and to work toward a long-lasting solution. Other members of the Legislature have forced that long-lasting solution to a much more current date and that's fine. I think we're on our way to doing that.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Lindsay, members, this is the first time I've spoken on the ethanol bills this year and would like to make a couple of points, I believe. And Senator Withem and Senator Wickersham, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator McKenzie, all working on this thing, I've been here, this is my ninth year, and I can see that in two years whether we have intent in the language or whether we have direct funding in the language, it's going to be addressed again. Senator Schrock spoke about the property tax problem that the state has, and it does have a bearing on what we're doing here. First of all, we all recognize that when we reorganize in January of 1977 (sic), we are very likely to have some Draconian successful petition drives on our doorstep with us to solve the problems, with us to solve the problems. So the more that we can fund our obligation of these contracts at this point, how much better it's going to be for those Legislatures that are going to have to face solving those petition drive issues. The more we can get in there now to solve those contractual arrangements that we are obligated to fill, the better off we're going to be. And I hope that Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Withem, and the rest of you in here will put just as much in here this two years as we possibly can to protect ourselves against what looks like we may face in January of 1977 (sic). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would