

There are others who feel it's just not appropriate perhaps to have ethanol credit, the 20 cents a gallon, be paid on what little production might go for distilled spirits. That's the two sides of the issue, and I'd offer the amendment for discussion and if the body wishes to prohibit it, why, we can do so by adopting the amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Warner. Yours is the next light. Do you wish to pass at this point? Senator Klein, you're recognized followed by Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair and members of the body. I would not support this amendment. I think that the Corn Resources Act and the things that we did for the ethanol production, alcohol production in the state is already limited on plants. I think it's 25 million gallons a year that they can draw the 20 cents on. It has created jobs, it's created markets for corn. Perhaps it's done too well some people might think this year. Nevertheless, I don't think that it's fair to people, and I often wonder if the contracts were signed that if it didn't exclude it in the contracts when these contracts were issued to these mills that we can regress and take that back away from them. I think we're opening up a legal challenge. I don't like the idea of it. I think the people from Kentucky would support it where they make a lot more alcohol. I think if we can grow a new industry here and sell this product, I think that's definitely what we need to do. And so for that reason like I said, I do not support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Klein. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Warner.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Warner, would you yield?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You indicated that this was...this comes about because the price of corn has gotten so high otherwise it wouldn't be a problem. Does that seem to be the main issue?

SENATOR WARNER: One of the things that...one of the issues that