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the production of ethanol and maybe even the marketing of ethanol. Senator Beutler, you asked what those new uses may be. I do not know, but I don't think we should close the door on that fund because that's money farmers have put in. Granted, the Legislature has, in the past, matched that, so it isn't all farmers money. But a lot of it's been used and I think ethanol in Nebraska is a very good example of a success story. The question was raised about the trust fund earlier. The trust fund will have approximately twice as much money to give away for grants and that's good. I would argue with you, Senator Beutler, that a lot of that money may go to NRD request. They'll put in requests for grant money and I think a lot of that \$4 million will get funneled into the NRD request, and to clean water projects. And I told you earlier this morning that I would pledge to help you, in the future, continue and, yes, I'm sticking my neck out on the line to continue some form of fertilizer tax for the water quality programs we have in place. And that could be done next year. If we can get it done this year, fine, but I have been told by members of the Revenue Committee that they will address that at a future date. But I think it's inappropriate to try and take the EPIC money to support NRDs. That's money that was used to enhance ethanol production and it's also my understanding that in other states where they have producer credits for ethanol production it's not been taken from a corn checkoff. It's been taken from the General Fund, and I've...we've checked with Iowa and Minnesota on that. They're not checking off three-quarters of a cent a bushel in Iowa and Minnesota to enhance their...to enhance their ethanol production. They're doing it out of the General Fund. In Nebraska, the farmers came forward and we're spending...we're...we're helping that fund, enhancing that fund by checking off corn and it's being matched by the General Fund money. So I just can't agree with what you're trying to do here and, with that, I will close my comments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Further discussion, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President and members, I don't think many of our ears are turned to this discussion, but I think the tape is running and for the record, and I guess I want that record to reflect that I'm not against NRDs in no way. I want NRDs to be