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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So I guess that's a pretty strong signal that the committee's thinking was that this approach was...this tax exemption approach was the right approach for expending the remainder of the funds in the...in the EPIC Fund. Can you elaborate on the pros and cons of each way of doing things as it was presented to the committee and indicate why the committee chose this particular approach?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Beutler, I think that Senator Wehrbein's bill actually went to Appropriations, if I recall correctly. That was for a simple termination of the production credit checkoff in a timely fashion so that no surplus would accrue. I believe it was calculated to do that. Quite frankly, I don't know what the fate of that bill has been in Appropriations, but apparently it hasn't been advanced or else we...and Senator Wehrbein is shaking his head "yes", so that bill is actually held in Appropriations. That approach was simply to shut off the credit...the checkoff so that there wouldn't be a surplus of funds. Okay. Then the Revenue Committee, as you're indicating, did hear two different approaches. One is a bill introduced by Senator Lynch that called for the use of continued production credits to use the surplus and the other introduced by Senator Stuhr to, and she didn't address the surplus in the credit fund, she simply wanted to have a marketing incentive of two cents per gallon, but it would have affected the Highway Trust and the committee did not want to affect the Highway Trust and believed that the marketing incentives were the simplest way to use up the surplus without going into all the kinds of questions that you're going to hear about on the production credit incentive side. There were strong objections, for example, to one producer that might qualify for the credits and there were other concerns. And, simply, we believed that there were excess dollars, it was...those dollars had been placed there by producers, and if Senator Wehrbein's bill didn't advance, and there was actually going to be a surplus, that it was appropriate, rather than having those dollars lapse into the General Fund or go someplace else, that it was appropriate to use those for ethanol incentives of some kind. And we believed that the marketing incentives, as suggested by Senator Stuhr, were a suitable and relatively simple and easy way to use those dollars in a way that would relate to ethanol production.