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mop-up bill to soak up whatever funds are left in an old production credit program and divvying it up among existing entities in a kind of pork barrel way that serves, as far as I can see, no clear purpose right now. And, except insofar as I suppose acknowledging the delay of the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Sutherland plant and providing for some incentives there, I'm not sure I see...I'm not sure I see the vision here. So I'm going to be interested in how all these things fit together and what this bill means for the future of ethanol, if it means anything at all, and I'll take up that discussion the next available chance I have. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion on LB 605, the committee amendments to LB 605, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, the amendment that Senator Stuhr has does not extend the corn checkoff. Matter of fact, it reduces it a quarter of a cent for the past year. It does not increase the state's obligation for producer credits. I think it behooves us to try to keep our ethanol industry in this state very healthy. Let me just read a few things from a handout I've passed out: Chief Ethanol Fuels at Hastings, Nebraska, 42 million gallons annual capacity, they're grinding about 18 million bushel of corn a year; Minnesota Corn Processors, 85 million bushel of corn a year; High Plains at York, 16 million bushel a year. High Plains is one of the smallest ones, yet, half of the corn produced in York County will be ground through that facility. It may not all come from York County but it's the equivalent of York County. Cargill, Blair, Nebraska, 85 million bushel, and I think if Matt Connealy could acknowledge, I would guess about 40 percent of that's coming from Iowa, but the Iowa producers that are hauling corn there are paying the Nebraska checkoff so, from that standpoint, we are getting a contribution from the Iowa corn producers. It's still corn. It still makes a difference in the market. Aurora, Nebraska, 12 million bushels of grain. That's probably about a third of...of Hamilton