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answer to Senator Beutler's question about other incentives that these plants may be...may be able to avail themselves, but if you take the combination of existing plants having access to LB 775 and access to production incentives and they still don't make money, then I think you have to seriously raise the question, why do we want to further expand the production capacity? And the other thing I would...Senator Schrock made the point that, well, these plants do use a lot of corn or certainly have the capacity to produce a lot of corn and, from the viewpoint of a producer, well, if the plant buys the corn that's a corn market, but really these are just intermediaries. If they can't get rid of the products they produce then all of a sudden it is no longer a market for corn. And my experience suggests that often these plants do shut down. They simply don't operate any more. They'll close down for a certain period of time and the reason is that the price of corn becomes too high relative to the price of ethanol, or whatever products they sell. Again, I'm trying to make the point the Revenue Committee pushed the notion that we should focus on, excuse me, on marketing. I would agree with that. Senator Beutler pointed out we're going to end up, with this bill, more production capacity available at a time, down the road, when we will have no state or checkoff money available to help these operations or the industry, for that matter, market the products they produce. So I would urge the support of the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Stuhr, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. I rise in opposition to the committee amendments for some of the reasons that I have stated before, and I did again want to clarify that fact that we are not extending the checkoff program. The first program was a five-year program that actually concludes on December 31st of the year 2000, and really what we're trying to do is look at the best use of the funds that remain in this Ethanol Production Incentive Program. I believe that the plant that we have located in York County has been good for our area and the surrounding area. It currently employs about 65 people that otherwise would not have jobs in that particular area. It also