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remarks was that the two-cent deal that the Revenue Committee is putting before you today certainly had a profound benefit, profound effect on the market the last time that we did this, so that, in conjunction with the fact that we have now verified that all of the ethanol companies are qualified and will get LB 775 benefits, so I guess the question that somebody else asked I would ask in spades. It's troublesome to subsidize, but we are subsidizing with LB 775. What would be the justification for a continual...the continuing double subsidy on the production side to these types of companies? Maybe it is time we worked on the marketing side. And, frankly, for myself, I'm not sure on the marketing side whether the committee amendment or the Minnesota solution is the correct vision for the future, but I like those two approaches better than the extension of production credits which has the deficits that we just discussed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. There being no further lights, Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments to LB 605.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I would ask for a call of the house so we make sure that we get people back here.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would all unexcused members please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Senator Wickersham. Senator Thompson, Senator Engel, Senator Jones.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I think it is now clear that the committee amendments and the Stuhr amendment represent clear choices in terms of policy initiatives for us to take in the arena of ethanol production. The proposal that is brought to you in the committee amendments and in the Stuhr bill in its main is a marketing incentive. It