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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Seeing no further lights, Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Enough for today, Mr. President, I withdraw the amendment. Thank you, Senator Wickersham.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President, pending to Senator Stuhr's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Further discussion on AM1380? Seeing no lights, Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR STUHR: I would like a call of the house, please.

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

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would those members not excused please return to the Chamber, record your presence. Senator Stuhr, you may continue.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. I certainly want to thank everyone for their involvement in the discussion this afternoon which I think was very good. And in closing, I would like to bring out some of the points of this amendment and I believe that we would all have to agree that the ethanol industry has been very beneficial for Nebraska, not only for farmers, but for other aspects of our economy. The ethanol incentives that the Legislature created in the past has resulted in seven ethanol plants in Nebraska. This amendment would not create new obligations on the part of the taxpayers of this state. Rather, this amendment seeks to use the funds that remain in the Ethanol Production Incentive Credit Fund after our existing obligations have been met. And how does this amendment actually use those funds? We have had quite a