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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment will be up on your device in a minute, as soon as the nice young woman that you see in the red jacket named Carol makes a copy, brings that to me, and then types it in on the machine up front. But let me tell you what it's going to do. If you look at AM1478 on page 9, go to page 9, line 2, and after the words "cash rent" insert "or cash equivalent of a crop share rental" so that at that point we would have a provision in this amend...if that amendment is adopted, then at that point we would have in this amendment a provision for reducing a crop share rental to a cash equivalent, and then a payment calculated on that cash share equiv...cash rental equivalent, and that 5 percent of that number is then shared on some basis, they'll have to agree to whatever basis, but that would be shared on some basis between the beginning farmer or agricultural producer and the owner of the assets that are leased. But what it does is allow you to calculate the cash equivalent of a crop share lease, and then base the incentive or the benefit, whatever you want to call it, on that calculated amount. And I think it's possible to do that. The board would have to work through the procedures and practices that are necessary to convert what is a crop share lease into a cash equivalent, but I think that can be done making it clear that in AM1478 that we would have both leasing mechanisms available, and that you could participate in the program on the basis of either one. I would note that in my analysis, Senator Wehrbein's version of this bill would only allow you to participate on a share rental basis, and I don't view that as a cash rent basis. So in those instances, where you had a cash rent, I don't think that would be applicable in Senator Wehrbein's bill. The amendment that I'm bringing is intended to make both kinds of leasing arrangements available and useable in the context of Senator Wehrbein's proposal. Now I hope that Carol, and I'm sorry to refer to you by first name, but if...Carol, is it on the machine now? Almost. Well, Carol says it's almost on the machine. So I think in order to allow Carol to do her work and for you to have a chance to actually read the amendment on your machine, it would be polite if I talked for just a minute or more and allow Carol to finish her work, if she will stop laughing. What? Oh, I think, okay, and...but the amendment is as I've described to you. If you