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passed that...that it was a 50-50 arrangement, but it was not. I have the article right here, when the bill was passed, that the agreement was \$33 million would be raised from checkoff dollars...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KREMER: ...and \$42 million would be raised from the General Fund. And, actually, the corn checkoff money has raised more than the \$33 million, so in the past they've raised more than what their share was, but the General Fund started out at \$8 million a year for two years, down to \$7 million, down to \$6 million, and for one more year, this one more year will be \$6 million. So I think the checkoff dollars have exceeded what their agreement was and I would be willing to go down to a half a cent and to leave it there and fulfill our commitment to an industry that I think is good for our whole state. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Baker, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Cudaback, members of the Legislature. I don't consider this a giveaway by any stretch of the imagination. When you utilize one bushel out of each seven that's grown in the state of Nebraska, that's not a giveaway. That, obviously, affects price. When you're talking about price, we're talking about supply, demand, basic economics. Your demand goes up, you're going to have an increase in the price, so I don't consider it a giveaway. This green handout from Senator Stuhr pretty much negates the old giveaway statement, that we've certainly got a lot in return for these incentives that we provided. I'm going to ask some questions of several people. Most of the people on the floor right now are corn growers, and I am going to ask, if Senator Kremer would respond to a question? I going to have to go around the room here.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Kremer?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes.