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gave about eight good reasons why we should continue the course. I'm not discrediting anybody else's remarks because they were all good and they certainly are worth standing on this floor or sitting in this room and listening to, but I appreciated a new senator, like Senator Kremer, to stand up without any emotion and explain why this is a valuable, or this is a bad piece of legislation that Senator Wickersham is trying to push forward on this floor. I wasn't exactly sure when I came to this thing. I felt, although I'm a corn producer, or at least my tenants produce corn and I get paid for it, but we don't have any ethanol plants in my area so, personally, I'm not going to necessarily reap a personal reward at the sale of my product, except that maybe overall corn prices might rise, but I just thought that when you look at the overall picture and you see what the results of the use of this product, foreign trade, the environment, all of the things that Senator Kremer pointed out I think we need to listen to. I think we need to understand that, in fact, we did commit to continue the course and to encourage particularly...particularly expansion to those plants who want to increase their production and to find those markets so that we, as the people in agriculture, can reap some of those rewards, and somewhere down the road they'll be. A half a cent doesn't seem like all that much and I guess, of course, I have to think about the discussion regarding double-dipping and how much LB 775 may have put into it, but LB 775 put a lot of money in a lot of products and it's still putting a lot of money. And I'm not...I'm not complaining about that. I'm just saying, as somebody once said, fair is fair. If it's there, everybody takes a shot at it. If we don't want them to, then let's don't do it at all. But the program is there and if these plants want to take advantage of it to increase their production and increase their capabilities and their capacities, then so be it. So after listening to a great deal of emotional debate, I've concluded that I won't support the Wickersham amendment even though I know he's very firm about his beliefs in giving money away, and he's probably right. We do give money away.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But sometimes the money we give away comes back, maybe not tenfold but comes back at least to the degree that we can feel it wasn't really given away but, in fact, it