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around 30 million gallons of ethanol and industrial alcohol per year. Also that plant has expended nearly \$560,000 of taxes in local and county taxes, that in addition, it also pays state and federal taxes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: So, again, this was written, this subsection was added to include and support some of the plants that would not exactly fit in with maximizing of their benefits in subsection (3). So I'm opposing the Raikes amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Discussion, Senator Chambers, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've been sitting around here all day and I've been putting things together. Now we were talking about a bill that dealt with open containers and ethanol is an alcoholic beverage, so I heard Senator Stuhr mention 6 million gallons being produced I think by an expansion plant. So let's just take the 6 million, that would convert into 768 million ounces. If each shot contained 2 ounces, that would be 384 million shots, and if you charged \$2 a shot, that would bring you back up to \$768 million. That's just from that expansion plant, \$768 million. How much mon...let me ask Senator Raikes a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, what kind of money are you talking about?

SENATOR RAIKES: In my checking account or... (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In this bill, in this bill.

SENATOR RAIKES: Five hundred thousand dollars.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, what is...you talk a half a million dollars.