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SENATOR BEUTLER: Just wanted to say one word in support of the amendment, and I guess it's basically this. As I understand what Senator Raikes is trying to do, it's simply to give a more forward orientation to the whole program in the sense of awarding new production, whether it's the expansion of facilities or new facilities such as Senator Baker's, rather than going back in time and trying to figure out why some of the people who exist may deserve a part of the deal because they may have done this or that or expanded in a period of time without the expectation of credits of any sort. So it seems to me that we get the most out of our money by a forward orientation by which I mean encouraging using as much of the money as possible to encourage new additions and new facilities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, in listening to Senator Raikes and his testimony on his amendment, I think it would be a travesty to reward a company such as that if they're going to pick and choose when they want to be part of the program. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I don't know that I need to go on. I hope I've made my point and I appreciate the comments of Senator Beutler. I think that it's very important for taxpayers and for the corn growers and for the ethanol industry that these programs be forward-looking, encouraging expansion and consistent with the objectors that have been there a long time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. The question is the adoption of AM1630 to LB 605. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Voting on the Raikes amendment. Have you voted? Senator Raikes, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAIKES: I would ask for a call of the house and...

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