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the state's economy. So I think that is something that we need to be concerned about. We need to, as been stated before, become a little bit more energy independent. A couple other facts that some people might wonder, well, actually how much ethanol can we produce from one bushel of corn? Two point six gallons per bushel, in addition, as I say, to the high protein livestock feeds. Also, is it economical to produce this gallon of ethanol? Yes. It contains about 76,000 BTUs per gallon, takes about one-fourth of that amount to grow the corn and about one-third of that to process corn in a modern ethanol production facility. So I think also we can consider that it is a savings that we're using the corn locally. As we said, we have numerous plants across the state, and that corn that is used in our ethanol plants then does not have to be exported or moved to another source. I did want to just make a comment. We are talking about mandates. It's rather interesting that yesterday we also talked about mandates. We also had about 28 people in the body that voted for a mandate. So I guess it's a different day, it's a different issue, but I think that we all need to think about what we can do actually for this state, not only to protect our water quality but also as a source of economic...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...development across the state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. We are debating the Connealy amendment. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Bromm and others.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we had a good hearing on February 2. Had a pretty full room. And the original bill mandated ethanol sold in all gasoline in the state of Nebraska except the 91 octane. Let me tell you the organizations that came in and testified or offered letters of support. The AFL-CIO; this is in alphabetical order; AGP; American Corn Growers; Cargill; Chief Ethanol; Citizens Actions; High Plains Corporation; Minnesota Corn Processors; National Farmers Union; Nebraska Energy; Nebraska Farm Bureau; Nebraska Corn Growers Association; Nebraska Farmers Union; Nebraska Grain Sorghum Association; Nebraska State Council of Electrical Workers; Nebraska State Utility Workers Conference; the Nebraska