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board of directors gave him because they had such a great return on their investment at the expense of farmers and ranchers. When hog prices were under nine dollars a hundred they were recording quadruple the record profits from that quarter from the year before, which was record profits. And you know what they did? They gave \$6 million benefit to Mr. Peterson, the CEO of IBP. This is not something I heard. This is something that's on the record. You can read it anyplace. We know that happened. Those corporations are going to make great big dollars and they don't care about the guy that's raising the corn, they don't care about the guy that's raising the cattle. All they're concerned about is making dollars for their stockholders and dollars for their CEO. Watch what you're doing, folks. This is an opportunity for us to provide more income for our farmers, get us started down the road where we're going to end up with using more and more ethanol, and we're going to produce it right here in this state. We have, I've said before, the garden spot of the nation right here. Our aquifer has stayed steady since the day we started using it, from all the measurements we know in my area, so we'll be raising corn for a long time. We better be able to utilize that corn as an ethanol product. We could become one of the largest states in producing fuels, nonfossil fuels, for our vehicles. Stay the course, folks. Object to this amendment of Senator Jones. Let's go on and support this legislation. Let's get down the road with it. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler, please. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Jones, to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just want to close on this amendment and give you some ideas why I did this. I realize that, you know, this looks like