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need to keep track of where we are with water and give some directions to DEQ. That bill was heard in committee and I think it's good that we advance that. And it also provides a study on pricing and, you know, there's some of us who wonder about the benefits of that, but I think it's all right. I think it gives us a chance to really look at what's going on out there, how the ethanol is being priced. I want to especially thank a few senators here, and I know I'm going to leave some people out, but certainly those of you who stayed with me on this bill and I think would have voted to advance the bill with the Connealy amendment. We never got to that point, but I think there were a number of you out there. I think there was enough. Senator Bruning, I appreciate your help; Senator Preister, your help and certainly for the MTBE amendment; Senator Beutler, for your help on this issue. Senator Landis, I appreciate your...your willingness to get involved and to try and mediate a solution. Senator Connealy, you've been there all the time. You've been a promoter. We've accomplished something. Senator Stuhr, I appreciate your help. So we had a good discussion on ethanol. Ethanol has a bright future. Both of our presidential candidates went to Iowa, support the product. They talk about renewable fuels being a part of the process. Certainly I think the nation is better off dealing with the...dealing with the corn farmers than they are with OPEC countries. A lot of special interest groups out there helping on this bill. I want to especially thank the labor interest, AFL-CIO. Agriculture needs to partner with those people if we're going to accomplish what we want to get done for this state and do what's best for the state of Nebraska. So, with that, I hope you will join me in supporting the Raikes amendment. We'll move this bill to Select File and I can promise you that there will be no surprises on Select File unless they're agreed upon by all parties.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Raikes amendment? Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise to support the Raikes amendment but also I'd like to have a quick comment. I heard on the radio this morning that at least one of our honorable colleagues is going to reintroduce this bill under the original language in the green copy and I, for one, would