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proposal, compared to your proposal to wait and see?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Smith, I think if your plant gets up and running, we will know about it by this time next year and the issue can be addressed at that time. And then we can see whether we can find some General Fund money, see if we can find money from the Highway Trust Fund. Who knows where the money may or may not come from? But to put the burden all on corn producers at this point in time seems a little premature. It's not a time when I think the ag community can afford this type of an expenditure. And so I would hope that they would build the ethanol plant in your district. And then this time next year, . . . by the way, the ethanol plants don't receive any money until they start producing. That's when they receive their credits. And I would guess your plant could not be up and running before next summer. At that time, we would know what our burden is, and we could adjust to it. Now, I consider, when these people sign with the state of Nebraska to build these plants, I consider that a contract. And I consider that we need to live up to those agreements. And so you know, I know there's some question out there, well if we build the plant, will there be funding? And my message to them, yes, there will be. We will find the money. But I don't think we need to find the money until we know where we're at. You know, with three, four, five plants, we don't need to do this until we find out where we're at. And to put this burden on farmers at this point in time, and I just read the Lincoln paper this morning about farm sales in Clay County and Hamilton County, there's a lot of farmers deciding to quit. They don't need another burden at this time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Schrock. And I want to be sensitive to the issues that you raised in terms of comparison to other states and so forth, and I also am a bit perplexed as to, you know, if we find ourselves in the same situation next year, I mean those issues don't necessarily go away. And so that's why I hope that we can defeat the bracket motion, because this is a discussion that needs to take place, and perhaps if there's a logjam in a few hours or tomorrow we can look at a bracket motion. But I think this is, as Senator Quandahl mentioned, very premature and I hope that we can let a member's