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that definitely would send a message that we may not be continuing our support, as a body, for the ethanol industry. So I would support the bracket motion. If this bill passes, the new checkoff would begin October of 2003. I'm reluctant to support that when we can't come up with any matching funds from any other source and put the sole responsibility of funding continued...support for ethanol plants on the corn and grain sorghum producers only. And I believe that next January we'll have a better idea of how the industry is progressing, what the needs are and where we want to go, and so I think with the possibility of having more information available next January it's a good idea to bracket till then. And so I support the bracket motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Senator Stuhr, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in support of the bracket motion for most of the reasons that have already been discussed on the floor. I've been a long supporter of ethanol. I think it's an industry that has certainly helped our ag areas. But we simply, as producers, cannot bear the entire burden of the total checkoff which is proposed in this bill. I do believe that if we bracket the bill, come back in January, that the amendments that are proposed, are technical, I believe that those can be addressed, they don't refer until June of 2004, that we could address those at that time. I think also that, by January, we'll know a little more on the...actually the condition of our entire country, not only in Nebraska but how things are moving. We need California as a market for our ethanol production. That's still not definite. Actually, we have some overproduction right now, I...in the fact that we're looking for markets. So those are some of the reasons that I support the bracket motion and hope that you also will consider that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Combs, followed by nine others.

SENATOR COMBS: I rise to direct a question to Senator Baker, if he would yield.