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divide the question. That's fine. We'll see what we can do with the clean-up aspect of this situation with ethanol. We need to address that, in all honesty we...that needs to be done, and so does the checkoff though. I'm not minimizing the checkoff. It needs to be done. If we...the longer we wait to get this increased revenue stream started, the larger the checkoff is going to be when we finally do it. That's not good business planning. That is just not good economics, folks. So I would agree to divide the question and we'll debate the two issues separately. I don't think there's much debate connected Senator Kremer's part of the bill, but go ahead and divide the question. But I would still like to, I would state on the floor here and make it of record, I'd like to advance the bill to Select File with the one cent, leave it there until Select File and before then, you know, we're going to be talking. We'll know whose plants...we've got another about five weeks, four and a half weeks between now and May 1. I'd agree to leave the bill sit, if it's amiable with the Speaker. We could bring it up May 1 on Select File, amend the checkoff to whatever it is we need, because we're not going to know whether three-quarters of a cent is the right place to be or a penny right now, I admit that. But let's move the bill. We'll, you know, we can divide the question, if that's what you want to do, but I'd rather just move the bill with the agreement that I would state that we will leave it on Select File till the 1st of May or thereabouts. See how it works into the schedule. But leave it on Select File. We'll have a good idea of those plants. I'd say anybody that's not...has their finance in place and moving dirt May 1 is not going to build a plant. And I hate to tell these people that are still out there struggling, as Senator Schrock said, with financing difficulties that we're not going to do anything whatsoever with the bill till May 1. I'd like to get it moved. Publicly state right now again that we'll work on the checkoff amount between now and when the bill would come up on Select File, and I think that's a reasonable compromise. I don't know why anybody...I'll stick with my word. It might be that if there was only two plants built we don't need to do anything, but if there's six then we obviously have to address the issue. So I oppose this bracket motion. We can't leave it sit till May 1, whatever it is it's proposing here, and expect it to move from General File on through the process then. Just isn't going