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let the process work and, like I say, I was reluctant to kill this bill. I did not want to kill it, but if we need it, we need it. And so I would take that into consideration. I told my people at home I would not vote for an increase in the checkoff. The last resort, well, I will on last resort. So if we can get the Speaker's word here that it will come up May 1, which I assume it will be, I will support the bracket motion till May 1, because we do need this but, once again, the third time, it's kind of a reserve savings account. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the bracket motion. It does give us another shot at the bill this year. You know, I'm amazed. Ethanol legislation has always been difficult. The ag community has always been divided. I admire Senator Schmit, former Senator Schmit, because I think at one point in time there was two cents a gallon less tax on ethanol-blended fuels at the pump and we had good sales of ethanol in gasoline at that time. I don't know how we did it. I wished I knew what the answer was. And as you know, I've been a supporter of ethanol all along. There's an ethanol plant going up in my area of the state that I have an interest. I want it to succeed. But I will remind you we are the only state that imposes a checkoff on grain for ethanol production. I was happy to do that. I was happy to do that, to "incent" ethanol production. We don't know where we are but I can tell you if they don't have the dirt turned by May 1 of this year we can just about be certain they're not going to build. So between now and May 1, we should get a better handle, and I will pledge to you that I will get a better handle on that issue as to how many ethanol plants are going to be built. There's one running. It's a smaller one at Plainview. There's probably another one going to be starting in production about a year from now. There is enough money in the fund to go for a considerable amount of time, and I don't think now is the time to put a tax on farmers and pile the money up in case we might need it. And so if there's portions of the bill that you think might be necessary, we can deal with that on May 1. I will tell you that I think if we're going to have to