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and eventually they're going to be large...by and large, I think they'll be self-supporting. There's going to be a little confusion, I believe, on Senator Baker's closing bill and I want to...I want to clarify what I'm going to do. I'm going to vote for Senator Baker's bill...amendment. I know Senator Bourne was saying vote it down and let...and have what he wants in there. I support what Senator Bourne is trying to do, but I think there's going to be confusion if some are saying vote against Baker's so we can put the whole bill in through Senator Bourne's amendment versus passing Senator Baker's amendment and having Senator Bourne amend that, either now or on Select File. Just for the record, I support what Senator Bourne is doing, but I am going to vote for Senator Baker's amendment at this point so we can move forward on this, and I'm willing to add Senator Bourne's amendment whenever it's appropriate. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Bourne, I have a couple of questions about what you are proposing. The first question I have is, if you delete the provision of the bill that provides no checkoff and no state funds, how is this going to be paid for?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Baker's amendment takes out the corn checkoff and takes out the General Fund appropriation. That's his intent and I really have nothing to do with that. So if you're asking how it's going to be paid for, perhaps you should ask Senator Baker. I'm simply agreeing to those two provisions, those two things that he wants in his amendment. I simply am disagreeing when I say that we should allow Nebraska contractors to bid on these projects. So, as far as the funding mechanism, I'm afraid, Senator Pederson, you'd have to ask Senator Baker.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: The other question I wanted to ask you was I looked briefly and I couldn't find the provision that says that Nebraska workers can't bid on these projects. Is there