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the taxpayer's pocket. If you would remove all possibility of money coming from the General Fund, I will leave your bill and your efforts alone, plus there must be no opportun...no effort to increase the tax on motor vehicle fuel. Leave motor vehicle fuel taxes alone, leave the General Fund alone, and let the agriculture community decide what they're going to do and how they're going to fund these speculators and you will not have any problem with me.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: But if we can make money in rural Nebraska, that helps the General Fund and we have some money in the General Fund to help the whole state of Nebraska. This morning we had a breakfast with the Iowa-Nebraska equipment dealers and I visited with several dealers that said that at the end of this last year, because of the cattle prices, business was very, very good. And they went on to tell that when those farmers have money, they spend money. And when they spend money, it helps all of us. It helps us keep jobs out there. It helps keep kids in our schools. I mean we have a fight in rural Nebraska and ethanol is probably one of the number one things we have going for us out there now. NPPD did a study, and I'm not sure of the exact numbers, I'm trying to find that, but I just heard them this morning, and this new plant at Plainview, which is on the smaller side of some of the ethanol plants in Nebraska, that they contributed \$40-some million to the economy of Nebraska, \$40-some million. And when money is spent in Nebraska, it's, like we talked about with Senator Bourne's bill, giving the chance for local people to bid on projects; when it's spent here, it turns over three to seven times. So ethanol production is a fantastic thing, I believe, for rural Nebraska, and I'm going to support it all of the way. And if we can have less reliance on foreign oil, I mean that's just another plus. I'd return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Chambers, your light is on next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, "Doctor" Cunningham has articulated some preposterous claims and I want to pursue at least one of them, if I may. "Doctor" Cunningham, would "Doctor" Cunningham consent to answer