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gallons a year. So I'm uncertain as to how to proceed, except that I think what we're doing is in our interest in closing the loopholes. In LB 536, we're saying that we're not going to "incent" you to expand, and I don't know that that's the right direction that we want to go. With that, hopefully there's other people that are continuing the discussion. Maybe nobody else is concerned about the impact this amendment will have on rural Nebraska. And if the rural Nebraskans aren't concerned, maybe I shouldn't be. But it does seem to me that we're cutting off an incentive program that largely helps rural Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne and Senator Janssen. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise in...I think Senator Bourne had some good points, and I think it's accurate to say that the entities or the areas of the state that would benefit from this expansion right now don't have that opportunity. And I think it's questionable whether or not we should proceed down a path that says, at this point in time we're going to write you off. Because that's essentially what you're telling everybody in the Panhandle. You're telling everybody in the Panhandle, guess what, you don't have an ethanol plant, you're never going to get one. So that's what I'm being told. And if that's what the will of the body is, so be it. But at the same time you're telling me that, you're also telling my farmers, and you're telling me as a farmer, pay for everybody else's. Now, I don't know about you, but that wouldn't fly if we were talking about taxing Omaha to fund something in rural Nebraska. But it evidently works the other way. And so I think we need to be sensitive to what it is that we're asking. Because here's what I'm afraid may happen. In an event to help rural Nebraska help itself, we're going to fight each other in rural Nebraska to get there. That's not the direction I want to go. That's not where we should go as a body. That's not productive for us as a state to be able to say, you know what, we're going to make a judgment call based on a decision at 1:25 on a Friday afternoon when there's 13 members of the Legislature who are excused. Is that the public policy that we want for the state? I guess we're