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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Kremer, followed by Senator Chambers, Stuthman and Schrock. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. The situation we're in with the EPIC Fund has been very difficult, especially as we see more plants trying to get in under the wire by some means. How do we fund this? My preference is LB 1065, but I don't know whether we can or not. It's a contract that we made with these ethanol plants that we've got to fulfill. And if we don't, we could be subject to lawsuits. Callan v. Balka determined that a prevailing opinion appears to suggest that in such cases when the EPIC Fund runs dry or short the Highway Trust Fund simply collects less revenue, then has to adjust the variable sales tax or variable gas tax. This would be way to make it whole. I guess I would like to leave it in and probably support the amendment of Senator Connealy, but I do have questions with that too. And my preference would be LB 1065. Maybe we should wait until after we see what happens in LB 1065 and come back on Select File, would probably be the best thing to do. But I think we're obligated to pay the EPIC Fund to the plants that have been legitimate in trying to make the deadline like we all intended of having their plant up and running in entirety by June 30. And there are four plants that's going to do that. Several of them are up going now and the others are very close to be going. So I guess if LB 1065 does not pass, I would sure support this if it was again addressed in Select File. So thank you. I'll turn the rest of my time back to the Chair, unless you want it, Connealy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Did you wish to have his time, Senator Connealy? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Bromm suggested that Senator Connealy pull this amendment and file it on Select File. I would suggest that he file it in a wastebasket. (Laughter) I'm going to quote a president that a lot of people on this floor like--read my lips, no new gas taxes. Now I don't know what all this talk about LB 1065 is, so I'm going to have to ask Senator Baker a question.