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the time that we had adopted the amendment that Senator Baker offered in AM2713, so most of you probably weren't here when we had the discussion about what it is that is actually in LB 479 at this time. The other concern that I have is, in the event that the Opinion does come back that gives us some direction, and whether or not we accept that direction or not, the bill will be on Final Reading. There will be very limited opportunity for any changes or discussion, aside from taking up the body's time for additional motions and additional amendments. So I offered the idea. I understand that Senator Baker and others are not real pleased with this idea and I can recognize that it probably would reduce their ability to ensure the money that their plants are going to receive, and then attempt also to deter those who would be seeking to qualify, under the same provisions that their plants are qualifying under, from receiving those benefits. So I offered the bracket motion to speak. I'm an individual that represents a part of the state that, depending upon what we do in this body, will greatly be affected in one way or another, and I would offer that those of you who do not represent rural Nebraska will be greatly affected by what happens here as well, and here's the simple reason. It's the same reason that I gave to the body that Friday afternoon, and the idea is, is that we can choose to invest in rural Nebraska through state aid to schools, through other forms of redistribution of tax dollars, or we can look to other areas of the state that may rely on existing programs that realistically are going to have a high amount of investment in those rural parts of the state to create jobs and to create markets for existing commodities that currently aren't present. So I don't view this as if I don't get my way we're not going to get anything. Because in reality, Senator Friend and others will be sending money out to the 47th District, and the idea of state aid or different things because of the impact that the agricultural industry has on valuation in other parts of our economy in rural Nebraska. So you can pay now, you can pay later, just depends on what it's going to look like. I think it looks unfair. I think that when I go back home to my constituents, as we look to future legislation that's going to be before this Legislature, you're going to ask my farmers, you're going to ask me as a farmer to pay for Senator Baker's plant when, in reality, we will have next to no opportunity to