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amendments, even though I supported them in committee, to get the funding mechanism for LB 1065 out here so we could discuss it. We are burdened by success with the LB 530, the underlying bill that built plants. We've had more success in production, building production, than we had assumed in the first place. That's a good thing. We are expanding the use of...industrial uses of grain in the state, thus keeping more of the value of this raw material here in the state. We're producing jobs. We're producing by-products and helping the feed industry, and it's growing at a pace that is sustainable. It's growing at a pace over the last 25 to 30 years that is a logical growth. And this last round of growth has been very good for Nebraska. We have a lot of feeders now that as we get to more of a mature market for the distillers grains that are using this and calling for expanded supply of this high-quality feed. We have expanded use of ethanol across the nation and here in Nebraska, and that's all good. But we do have a funding problem. LB 1065 has developed an agreement between the agricultural industry and the general public in the form of gas taxes that I think is a good agreement. It fits within the model of what we've normally done in ethanol incentives where it's been a combination of farmers and the general public paying for this together, and that's what's good about LB 1065, and I think it needs to go forward. The exclusion of LB 775 credits to more plants I think is a problem. It sends a signal when there's a few plants that might go that next step and produce here in Nebraska, that might use Nebraska labor, that might be in areas that we haven't built production. It sends them a signal that they shouldn't do it and I think that building more plants in the state is a great thing. It produces jobs and produces a product that keeps more value here in the state. So as we move forward, I'm hopeful that we can take out the exclusions to LB 775 that are in the committee amendments and move on this funding compromise between the general public in the form of gas taxes and with farmers in the form of taxing themselves more to build this industry as we have in the last few years.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Further discussion on the Landis amendment to the Revenue Committee amendments? Senator Baker.