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ethanol credits or the EPIC Fund, which is mostly paid for by the producer, and now they have the chance to collect LB 775 credits. How can I go to my constituents and say, well, this ethanol plant can't get it; that's double-dipping? It may be double-dipping, but the first part of it came from the EPIC Fund, which was paid by the farmers themselves. So that's one very major area of contention for me. And I do admit when LB 536 was talked about, introduced and passed, that we did think there would only be two plants plus the Sutherland plant that would come on board, and we did have the 100,000 gallon language in there that we thought was going to be for a smaller plant. But as I look at it now, I cannot see why we would want to stop ethanol plants from expanding in rural Nebraska. They are the best thing going for economic development in rural Nebraska. If you look at the price of corn, you know, you argue that anywhere from 5 cents on up is increased by having an ethanol plant within a 50-mile radius, but look what the price of corn actually has done since the passage of LB 536. At that time the price of corn was \$1.80 a bushel. Today it's in the neighborhood of \$3 a bushel. That is a huge increase that's a benefit to the farmer. It's a benefit to the rural communities. We have the other issue of across the country they're banning MTBE in many, many states. Ethanol usage is going to be increased greatly in this country, and I think Nebraska needs to be on the forefront of ethanol production. We can't back off now. We have to find a way to fund these plants and ethanol production is the best thing we have going right now, and so we need to continue to work on that. And with that, I'll turn my time back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Landis. He waives the opportunity. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm like Senator Bourne. I did vote for LB 536. I think it's good for the rural area. My question is how much good can we stand? (Laugh) How much good can we stand? I know it's good. It's like LB 775 is good. And I was the one, I think everybody...all the plants, the four plants now, if they've made their application, they're in. I kind of pushed this in committee