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that. If you think the price of gas is high now, ask yourself what it would be without an ethanol program. In this state, about half the gasoline that's being used now has ethanol in it. If we didn't use ethanol, we'd have to import...we have to be importing. And then you've all heard about the environmental issues. So I don't mind paying a higher grain checkoff. Certainly the major farm organizations have agreed to an adjustment there. But I think we need a partner and I think the state of Nebraska and the motoring public should be that partner. I believe the Revenue Committee has come out with a good package. I know there's some people that think they're doing some things that aren't proper. The question is, should a new plant get both LB 775 and the 18-cent incentive. That's debatable. I'm a fairly liberal person when it comes to economic development, the more we can get done the better. But if the Appropriations Committee says we can't afford that, fine. But we can afford \$125 million to \$135 million a year in LB 775 tax credit benefits for the urban areas, but we can't afford to run an ethanol program in this state with a little bit of General Fund money or with a little bit of gas tax? I don't think that's balancing out very well if we don't step up to the table and take care of some of these obligations. Like I said, the grain producers in this state have said, okay, we can raise the grain checkoff without some objections. But let's don't put the whole burden there, let's have a balance. That's all I ask. I'm easy to get along with, but, Senator Loudon, if you think the gas for your tractors would be cheaper if we didn't have an ethanol program, then you're very misguided and you and I need to have a talk. I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. On with discussion of the Landis amendment, Senator Stuthman, followed by Senators Vrtiska, Kremer, Burling. Senator Vrtiska. That's what I said, Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just wanted to get into a little bit of the conversation here this afternoon and what I'm thinking about is, why are the fuel prices where they're at today? I think it is because of supply. They're probably 20 cents higher, 15,