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20 cents higher than they were a year ago, mainly because of the crude oil price because of the supply. So how can we help solve this part of the problem? We can help with the supply part of it. If we could add more of a percentage of the ethanol to the gas, this would help. Now maybe the people aren't concerned with the price of gas, they're maybe not...if it could be 2 gallon...\$2 a gallon or whatever. Maybe we shouldn't have any ethanol, maybe we should take the 10 percent out of it already. Maybe then the people would realize, you know, what the real price of energy would be. We're trying to supplement, you know, a portion of it by utilizing some of the grain that we grow here in Nebraska, and it's economic development throughout the state of Nebraska. Like I had mentioned the other day, the electricity bill on the plant that is close to my community is \$1 million a month electricity bill. You don't think that's helping the economy? It is. So I do realize, you know, the grain producers, they are...they are willing to support part of it. But I realistically don't think they should take the whole brunt of the bill, mainly because they are helping with the ultimate price of fuel on the long run because of the supply. Anytime that you can get more people that are producing a product, make it more available, the price goes down. It's competition. But if it all is relied upon one industry to supply a product, whatever it is, fuel or whatever, food, the price is going to be high. So I realistically think the people in the state of Nebraska are benefiting by the supply of ethanol that we do add to it. So I don't think this .3 cent of a gallon of gas extra tax is out of line, mainly because I think it's helping maybe up to the tune of 10 or 15 cents worth of lower price to the consumers. So I think we need to keep that in mind that we're trying to offer a larger amount of supply, utilizing some of the home-grown products that we have, making ethanol out of it. I realistically think we should add a little bit more ethanol to it, but that remains to be seen. So I am in support of this and I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Now, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the