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the .3 cents and the .25 cent increase. The off-road tax does not amount to that much, and I think Senator Baker is going to maybe give some figures on that a little bit later of just what it involves. So I agree with what Senator Schrock said. I think it's a good balance. I think it's something we have to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KREMER: We've committed to these plants that we're going to fund this. Unfortunately, we've got some things happening now that was not intended on LB 536, I think, and one of the discussions was of the group is that, do we look at new incentives for other plants because we would like to have new incentives for biodiesel and a lot of other things other than just ethanol? But first of all, we have to settle the problem that we have right now, the shortage that we have of the plants that are up and going that we promised to do, and then go ahead and look at something else from that. I think it's a good balance. I think we need to support this. I know I'm speaking the bill rather than the amendment, but the amendment I also support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. On with discussion, Senator Burling, on the Landis amendment.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We have discussed this session, spent a considerable amount discussing balancing the budget, and it appears that many times the will hasn't been in the body to increase revenue enough to continue our obligations out of General Funds. So in many cases, we've gone to property owners to help us make up that slack. We talk about LB 775, how good that is, if it's good for the state or not. There's a significant amount of support comes from rural Nebraska regarding LB 775, even though most of the benefits go to the urban areas. Why is there so much support for LB 775 from the rural areas? Well, because it's good for the state and we're all in the same boat. Ethanol is good for the state. General Funds are short. Most states pay for their EPIC Funds from their General Funds. Ethanol is made from grain. Grain producers in this state have said because General