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throughout the state. And I think that the checkoff, I'm glad to see it go to .75 cent. Actually, I think maybe a cent in the near future would...it all depends on what our revenues in this state do and whether we can afford to keep funding them to the point that we have. But I...if this was oil country, if we were in Texas, we'd be doing the same same for the oil industry. They have a lot of power there. And I think that ag in Nebraska and Iowa is going to see more power given to them, too, because of ethanol and the by-products from it. I think that the .75 cent probably is sufficient at this time, but down the road we may need to look at an increase in that, too. Hopefully, our revenue stream, we can generate enough jobs through the industry; I mean, good jobs, they're good jobs. And I want to see these plants not built by companies that are out of the state, but I want to see them use labor in this state. I think we've addressed that situation. Hopefully, it holds true. With that, Mr. Speaker, I will give the rest of my time to Senator Vrtiska if he wants it, or anyone else who would like to have it. Otherwise, I'll give it back to the Chair. Senator Vrtiska, you can have my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Anybody care for Senator Janssen's time? No takers, I'm sorry. Senator Landis. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM2845? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is, cease debate. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Chairman.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does cease. Senator Landis, you're recognized to close to AM2845 to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Remember, this is the amendment that says you can be a charitable trust, be an investor in a project, and it doesn't disqualify that project from getting LB 775. The idea basically came to us in the Revenue Department, although it was based on the existence of at