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amendments?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We will continue discussion of the amended committee amendments to LB 1065. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have not spoken on this issue but I think most of the members know that I'm a firm supporter of ethanol, and have been for a number of years. In fact, it was probably in the last 70s that I assisted in stuffing envelopes and such when we called it gasohol. And I just think it is good for our state, and I...I do support the committee amendments as they are proposed. I think this gives a fair combination. Everyone is involved because the industry does benefit the state. It's good for our economy, it's good for our environment, and we've talked about it producing jobs. I do not believe that the burden should fall only on the ag producers. Right now we are already checking off .5 cent. This increases it to to .75 cent. We have another 1 cent for a checkoff so we're actually checking off 1.75 cents. I ask you, what other industry checks off some of their profit to help boost the economy in the state of Nebraska? So again, I'm a firm supporter of the amendment as it stands because I think the fairness of having everyone contribute a bit goes a long ways. Thank you, and with that, I give the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendment. (FA1669, Legislative Journal page 1471.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, what I shall not do, in the frame of mind I'm in at this point, is to strike or attempt to strike any of the underlined language