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tax. Senator Chambers, you have somebody at least looking at that. Senator Wehrbein's amendment is filed. Increase the checkoff to a penny, I cannot support that. I told the Corn Growers the consensus that we developed in the committee work last fall.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BAKER: We would stick with LB 1065. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. On with discussion. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the net effect, I think, of the Chambers amendment, is essentially to allow the program to open up and give more credits. For that reason, I will oppose that part of it. In fact, I think there's an area in which Senator Chambers and I might find some area of agreement. I think he's announced it. I think that the general notion of getting the program under control sounds as if it's important to both of us. We have a difference on the funding mechanism. I support what's in LB 1065. I think it's a balance. I think that the gas tax payers have a stake in the production of ethanol. I don't...so I'm comfortable with that. I do want you to know that on the underlying issue of this amendment, this goes contrary to the general direction that we've been going. My guess is that there are amendments that Senator Chambers will provide us with that are actually more consistent with his own personal philosophy than this particular one. It's a good object lesson for us, but the net effect of it would be to expand the program, which is I'm not sure where at this moment anyone wants to go without the means to support that program, which we do not now have.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Baker some questions if I could, please.