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the ag producer. But why do you want to put everything on the backs of the farmers? I'll have more to say about that when Senator Wehrbein's amendment comes up. We have a good deal here in the fact that there's going to be new ethanol plants built. I don't know how many. Yes, we can all say we should have done something different on LB 536. And I would probably agree with them. We created a loophole at the end that was unintended. And I don't know what the consequences of that are going to be. But if we can pass LB 1065 in its present form, and then next January we'll have a better idea of what our responsibilities will be. But this is a good start. But believe you me, if you just want to dump it all on farmers, you can do that, but I don't think that's proper and I don't think it's fair. I have a lot of constituents that are envious of what happens in Lincoln and Omaha. I make no bones about it. There's not much economic activity in my legislative district, and people are moving out. Another census go through, we'll lose another two rural senators, at least. And in Omaha, they pave or put roofs on four square sections ever year. We're not checking off railroad cars to finance the incentives for Union Pacific. And Senator Loudon, if we're going to have to fund this with more down the road, we'll put a tax on livestock, because the livestock industry is benefiting from this. If this is going to all fall on the back of the ag community, then let's put a tax on livestock too, because they're benefiting from this. But we ought to stop and think about the big picture here, what it's doing for the state and what it's doing for the ag community. And I said earlier, Senator Wehrbein will back me up on this, \$130 million a year in lost revenue for LB 775 benefits. And I haven't heard anybody say, let's check off for those. But yet, we have little economic development for rural Nebraska, and you just want to put it all on ag, put it all on the farmers? We don't mind paying part of it. But give us a break. Let's share this pain a little bit, and we'll all be better off because of it. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Brown, you are the next in line to speak.