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will be if we pass the amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you. Could Senator Chambers yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Chambers, is there any other industry area that gets General Fund money in addition to credits under LB 775?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not aware of any...if I could give you this answer, I'm not aware of any other industry treated in the way that ethanol is, and allowed to dip into so many different funds to get subsidies.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you. Well, I am not saying that I will not support the proposal that is in front of us, because I do believe that...in ethanol, and I believe in that commitment. But I also think that whatever we do we have to do with an eye to making sure that there is enough money to cover what we're doing, and also try to be fair-handed in the kinds of incentives that are being offered. Unlike some of the other industries, this...there is an opportunity to get two different kinds of credits. And it...and we...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...put in place legislation that did not adequately enable us to be able to fund the contracts that we were entering into. And that is a very poor kind of public policy to put in place, and I think we need to make sure that whatever we do, we are going to fund it adequately. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Baker, your light is next. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Baker, did you wish to be recognized?