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four plants that we're going to have to do. It does put it off into the future. But I think you have to look, how valuable is ethanol to this state? How valuable is it in terms of jobs and investment and market and use of the by-products? And I think, you put all those four together, they're very...it's very valuable. And I would...we don't have a federal energy bill. I called every congressman's office last week. Talked to Senator Nelson in Omaha, and Senator...or Congressman Terry in Omaha over the weekend. It does not look like we're going to get an energy bill. That's kind of an aside. On the other hand, it doesn't say that we can't go ahead and try to get ethanol production expanded in Nebraska, because I think we should. We have an emerging market. We're up to about...I think we're about up to 15...industrial use now for corn is about 15 percent of the market. It is definitely a market factor, and I...that is really why we're talking about this. When it was 2, 3 to 5 percent of the market several years ago, it probably wasn't a big factor in the market price. But you...if you take 15 percent out of next year's...this year's corn production, estimated at 10.5 billion to 11 billion bushel, on the optimistic side, you're going to have a significant...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...price increase over where we're even at now, at \$3.00. And we're able to sell corn right now, December, for \$3.80...I think we got \$3.84. Ed probably got something more than I did; he usually does. (Laugh) But I'll talk more in detail about this amendment coming up. And I'm not clear on Senator Cunningham's amendment. I'm not sure I'm for that. I'm not sure if it's necessary if we fund it. And I will probably ask him that, or ask somebody to ask him that on the next...if we would adequately fund this, I don't know that we need that bill. And I'm a little reluctant to not have a little protection in there, because we did not have enough protection in LB 536. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature,