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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, if your amendment is adopted, does the gas tax go away?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, if this amendment is adopted, you will not have me to contend with on your ethanol bills. If ethanol plants are funded through corn checkoffs, I will take my hands off the issue and let it be argued and fought out among those who are directly involved. I'm drawn into it because the people who cannot speak for themselves and who are really hurting already because of the gasoline prices need somebody to speak for them, so I've been drawn into it. If you want to put me out of this bill and other ethanol bills, adopt Senator Wehrbein's amendment. The kind of ethanol bills I would oppose are those that would try to compel everybody to use ethanol, to make every gas station sell ethanol they may not want to sell, and such things as that. But as far as growing these plants, makes me no difference. I wouldn't want to see General Fund money. But if the checkoff is used,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you could say good-bye to me. And Madam President, since I've said all that I have at this point, I will end now. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators Chambers and Wehrbein. Senator Kremer, you are the next speaker.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'd like to make a few comments, that I think we are already compromising. And I'd like to ask Senator Baker a question, maybe, if you could put him on a different mike. And I think it's been a matter of debate that if the EPIC fund would run dry that it would automatically revert back to the Highway Trust Fund. And I...in a study that was done on the LR 339 on the whole funding of ethanol incentives, that there was a court case, Callan v. Balka, that said that if the EPIC fund was insufficient that it would...the Highway Trust Fund would not be reimbursed, therefore, that it automatically would revert back