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talking about it, corn was less than \$2.00 a bushel. Now corn is \$3.00 a bushel, and part of it is because we have an expanded market for industrial use in this country. It's not just Nebraska. And I don't...and now we have gas that's approaching \$2.00, and you want to add .3, probably even a .5 cent tax onto that. I don't know...there's a lot of change since last fall. So instead of \$1.50 gas, we're talking \$2.00; instead of \$2.00 corn, we're talking \$3.00. It doesn't look like 1 cent is unreasonable to help ourselves. So I'll let this go to a vote. You do with it what you want. But I will not be there for LB 1065 in its original form either.

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

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Madam President and members. I stand to support Senator Wehrbein's amendment and the bill, and will speak to it very, very briefly. I think enough has been said that we can get the general picture. Three-tenths of a cent on gas is not a big deal. But also, 1 cent on corn is not a big deal. And I'm not saying that as a corn grower; I'm quoting corn growers. I've had a number of persons contact me who are corn growers, and they would welcome 2 cents checkoff in order to get at least 10 cents and maybe 20 cents more per bushel, plus reduce their costs and transportation. They said it's one of the best buys you ever get. It's a wonderful investment. So I...even though in a perfect world we would create more of a mix, we do have some mix in the LB 775 funds, which I support. And therefore, I will support the amendment and the bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. The next speaker is Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Madam President, I will yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Mines. Thank you, Madam President. I hope some people were listening to Senator Wehrbein, to hear what he had said his position is if his