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SENATOR SMITH:        Thank you, Mr. President and members. Of all the discussion here this morning, I'm trying to find a way for my personal position to comport with reality and what needs to be done now, what can be done later, what must be done now, what must be done later, if there's anything. But it certainly grabs my attention when, as Senator Baker pointed out, that even with this amendment, apparently we're still almost \$10 million short. So that concerns me a little bit, but I hope that we can work through that. And I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Raikes.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES:      Thank you, Senator Smith and members. I would just like to emphasize one maybe additional point. Senator Baker spoke about the Revenue Committee's work and the fact that it does meet the financial obligation for four plants, and this one, the amendment that Senator Wehrbein proposes, comes short of that by \$10 million. We're, of course, shying away from the notion that there might be more than four plants; is that we actually don't want to think about that. We've got barely enough money under the best circumstance with four plants. If we have any more than that, we don't know what we're going to do. But yet, we continue to hear comments, and genuine comments I would say, about the importance and value of ethanol plants and wouldn't we...wouldn't it be great if we had more, however many more? I just cannot agree with that. That makes no sense to me. I think that we should go back to the main point of contention here and that, in my mind, is that LB 536 was too rich a program. We're getting suckered on it, the state is. And you can talk about rural communities picking up the benefits, and I don't agree with that. I think there's ways that clever businessmen can come in and take advantage of this, and they can head to the market, cash in, and none of that money is going to come back to rural communities. It's a mistake to have too rich a program. So I would just urge you that the most important task we have for us here at this moment is to make sure that we don't let this program go on. We have the four plants. I don't think there's anything we can do about that, but having an additional plant is a serious, serious mistake. We should do what we need to do to stop that from happening.