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of things at play here, I understand that, and...but it's time to get 25 votes to do something, in my mind. This is my best attempt. Obviously, most of my attempts haven't been perfect, but it doesn't seem like any of us are having much luck at being perfect this year. But I think this is a way to do it. If you like the original bill in its...in its original form, I guess you can go there. I guess...I think you're gambling that you're going to get LB 1065 under that scenario too, so I guess you'll have to consider. Because I believe, in my own mind that the ethanol bill is critical, LB 1065. The fact of the matter is, we have four plants and we have to fund it. The fact of the matter is we have two to five more plants that are moving along and we're going to have to fund that in some way or another. But neither the proposal yesterday or the original LB 1065 covers that, and neither does this, I grant that. But this does take us through 2010, roughly October of 2010, so we do have time to have some reaction. Anyway, I think we're going to have to face the other plants someday too in the funding. I'm not going to go too much into detail. This takes a million and a half from LUST, the interest that's kicked off from LUST out into the future. It does the off-road refund of 1.25 cent, keeps that, and it does the .25-cent increase in the corn tax and grain tax. But it's that time of year, with a few days left, that I think we're going to have to be making some decisions and I would urge you to strongly consider this one as a solution. You'll have to decide for yourself. I think there's probably 25 votes here for that and I'm going to go with that, remembering that your alternative is an unknown at this point, in many ways. So with that, I'd encourage that and I'd ask for a machine vote, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing on AM3579. All members are checked in but Senator Brashear. Did you wish to...he is present. All members are present. Request for a machine vote. The question is, shall AM3579 be adopted to LB 1065? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the Wehrbein amendment, AM3579, which is an amendment to LB 1065. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of