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the question. Mr. Clerk, call the roll, please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1585-1586.) 24 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It was not...the vote was not successful. Amendment has not been adopted. Mr. Clerk. I raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Raikes. AM3657 is what I have, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 1586.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the Baker amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President. And Mr. Clerk, if I could I would like withdraw that amendment and go to the next one.

CLERK: Senator, I think AM3657 is the one you want. The first one you gave me was AM3649.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. You're correct. Thank you.

CLERK: Okay? And it hadn't been printed, that's why I just went to...AM3657 is what I have in front of me and I...

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and Mr. Clerk. This amendment deals, again, with funding for EPIC, for the ethanol incentive program. Let me give you a capsule. We do have an Ethanol Board which has an administrative unit. Roughly the way that works, and some of you know more than I so you can correct me, there is a board appointed, I think, by the Governor--and maybe there are other sources of the appointments--of industry people and farmers. They operate an administrative unit. That administrative unit costs about \$370,000 a year. There are, I think, four employees that are covered by that amount of money. What I'm suggesting here is that we as a state have no obligation that I know about, no contractual obligation, to fund that Ethanol Board. And, in effect, that's coming out