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Alcohol Fuel Tax Fund is the money that supports the administrative staff of the Ethanol Board. This amendment would simply take that money and put all of it into the EPIC Fund to be used to support the incentive program. If you have any questions, I would be more than happy to try to address them. Again, I urge your support of this change. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on the Raikes amendment, AM3657, to the Baker amendment. Open for discussion. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senators Connealy and Schimek.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'm going to oppose this amendment, actually for several reasons. I have no problem looking at the Ethanol Board. We did a performance audit on it a few years ago, and so it's been looked at in the past and perhaps should be looked at in the next year or two. I really don't deny that, but I do think that there is not enough appreciation of what the Ethanol Board has done in the last many, many years for ethanol in Nebraska. We're not in the good position that we are in this state accidentally. We've had a lot of good work done over the past years, I think a lot of it to some degree unappreciated, to have the kind of ethanol industry we have in the state. Senator Schmit had stuck his neck out years and years ago to get us started along this road, and I think the Ethanol Board has contributed much to that over...the leadership not only in the state but nationally. Doesn't say we shouldn't look at it, but I'm not inclined to do it on the fifty-eighth day of this session. I think it should have a hearing. I think it maybe...maybe should have a summer look or a study to see so everyone understands exactly what they're doing, but I think it's taken for granted too much at this point. I don't think we should cut it off at this point especially, as I say, on the fifty-eighth day. So I'm going to oppose this amendment this year.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Connealy, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise