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structure. I want to enlarge that look, though, to include a serious look at the commodity boards. As Senator Raikes pointed out, the Corn Growers, Sorghum Growers, Soybean, Dry Beans, Potatoes--they are funded through their producers' checkoff. I want to look at the whole picture. We have enough ethanol production out there that perhaps...and I understand Senator Connealy saying that basically the EPIC...or the Ethanol Board is funded through fuel tax on gasoline that's used by the ethanol plants to denature their product. I want to look at the big picture, whether it's, you know, the Corn Board, the Ethanol Board, Department of Economic Development, how they mix in with Ethanol Board and are we creating some duplication here? I want to look at that. And Senator Raikes has certainly fired a shot across their bow, and I guarantee we have their attention. As well, I want to get the attention of the various other commodity boards and see if we can't work together on this. But at this time, I'm going to oppose Senator Raikes' amendment because of timing issue mostly, and I could very well vote for this next session after we take a hard look at the big picture. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Cunningham, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. Well, Senator Raikes, I hope that we don't base our friendship on ethanol issues only or we wouldn't have too much going for us, would we? It seems like we don't get along too good on some of these issues. But I would tell you I oppose this amendment at this time. I agree with Senator Wehrbein. There is a possibility this could come to fruition someday but it does need a hearing and we need to thoroughly examine that. But a lot of it is philosophy. And from my standpoint, and you've heard me say it many times, but ethanol is the best thing we have going in outstate Nebraska. I don't think people fully realize the amount of money the ethanol industry returns to Nebraska and what it does for rural Nebraska. And so at this point, I would be very, very much against the elimination of this funding. And if we are going to do it, it definitely needs a study. Thank you.