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SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Quite honestly, I'm struggling as to what to do here. If we adopt Senator Beutler's amendment that extends it, I think that actually lessens the chance of increasing the corn checkoff in the future. That's my opinion. But then I listen to my rural colleagues and I sense that they are unhappy with the Beutler amendment. So I'm struggling as to what to do. I've even heard rumblings that they will file some amendments and try to stop the bill if the Beutler amendment is adopted. We do need LB 1065. Does it fund everything? Nope. Does it fund the original four? Probably not. Does it fund any of the potential new plants that might come on? No, it doesn't, but it does go a long ways towards helping. So here's my struggle. If we adopt the Beutler amendment and some of our rural colleagues decide to try to stop LB 1065, we've actually lost ground rather than gained it. Although I would say to my rural colleagues, if we adopt the Beutler amendment, there's probably a less likely chance that the corn checkoff would be increased because all Senator Beutler is trying to do is extend the time that these checkoffs and taxes are assessed, rather than increase them. So I would support the Beutler amendment if that meant LB 1065 still went forward. My concern is if Senator Beutler's amendment gets on that LB 1065 will not go. And as far as I'm concerned, we've spent an hour and...almost two hours on the bill this morning and it's kind of a delicate balance as it relates to the whole package, as you've heard Senator Baker and Beutler and Senator Schrock or, excuse me, Baker and Connealy and Schrock talk about. So my sense is, is that the Beutler amendment might not be a bad idea except that it might doom LB 1065. So I'm going to continue to listen to the debate. I...we need LB 1065 in whatever form it's in, whether the Beutler amendment is adopted or not, but we do need LB 1065. And if the Beutler amendment dooms the bill, then I think we've made a mistake and actually took a giant step backwards. So, thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in opposition also to Senator Beutler's motion. I