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development for the state. And I don't think it's a brand-new, big program for ethanol. It's paying the bill. It's something we should do, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...it's probably the right way to do it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. On with discussion, the Wehrbein amendment, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to preference my comments, because it may not seem like what I'm saying, but I do want to preference my comments by saying I support LB 90. I was a part of the process. But I want you to pardon me for a little bit while I whine. And I think, being elected to this office, I have the option to whine, and that's what I'm going to do. And I want to preference my comments by saying, production agriculture has been good to me and my family, and I appreciate that, and I love this state. But the tax climate for agriculture in this state is probably the worst of any state in the area. And I think it's...I think you need to be told that. I would guess, when Senator Heidemann ran for office, he ran on the premise that, by golly, we're going to do something about property taxes. I think every farmer in here who runs for this office and is successful, they run on a platform, we're going to do something about property taxes. Well, I can tell you, the last edition of the Nebraska Farmer gave a report on what ag land valuations did this last year. Statewide, they went up 10.9 percent. That means most farmers are going to be paying 10.9 percent higher property taxes next year, when this all gets assimilated by our county assessor. Senator Langemeier is standing there looking at me, and you would shake your head yes, that's probably what's going to happen. We gave tax breaks yesterday to some people who probably deserve it. We all deserve a break when it comes to taxes. But the reality is, we can't all have a break. So we are the only state in the area that I know of that taxes personal property on agriculture. And a lot of that machinery is only used about 30 days a year. I represent an area of the