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divide the question. I want to do that. So should I come up and do that now? Or should I go ahead and finish this time speaking?

SENATOR CUDABACK: If you're requesting that now, why don't you and Senator Wehrbein come forward, if that's the amendment you are going to divide.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think that would be the thing to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers and Senator Wehrbein, come forward, please. The Chair does determine that the question is divisible. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, pursuant to your order, two divisions, as requested by Senator Chambers. The first division of the original Wehrbein amendment will consist of, essentially, beginning on page 2, lines 26 through the balance of the original amendment. So it's beginning on page 2, line 26 through the balance of the amendment. That will be known as FA259. And as Senator Wehrbein has requested, that that be considered first. The second amendment will consist of pages 1 through line 25 of page 2, and will be known forevermore as FA260. Senator Wehrbein, FA259. (Legislative Journal page 1452.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. As stated by the Clerk, two divisions. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on the first division, known as FA259. Senator.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Much of what is in this first provision is what I talked about in my opening, which talks about the increased checkoff on corn, \$2.5 million a year for the ethanol fund. Includes provisions of LB 71, Senator Stuhr's bill, which also include, at this point, from LB 688, Senator Mines, on NIFA. That will be the first division. The second division has to do with Senator Cunningham's LB 273. I simply wanted to talk a little bit more about the ethanol. Did some research on ethanol. We use...l cent of, in this case, gas tax in the state of Nebraska