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has been noted, the state's ethanol production will top 544 million gallons in 2005. And only Iowa and Illinois produce more. Also, another study has found that 4,000 jobs have been created at ethanol plants and related businesses in Nebraska. The combined annual payrolls of Nebraska plants exceed \$36 million. The state income tax receipts increase by \$17.5 million each year. And the existing plants...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR STUHR: ...pay \$3.4 hundred thousand in property taxes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, followed by Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Stuhr has given you a litany of all the benefits of employment, et cetera, so I will not go over that. But I...like I say, I've used ethanol ever since it...the first embargo, many, many years ago, in all of my vehicles. And I've certainly encouraged everybody else to use it. So that's a selling job. We have to sell more people on utilizing this important product. And it certainly is good for...this entire bill, LB 90, is good for all of Nebraska, and especially rural Nebraska. Because by coming up with value-added incentives so the farmers can use their products that are value-added to come up with other products that they could sell, and that's how we're going to help Nebraska grow. Listening to Senator Schrock, now, he said he was in favor of this bill. And I certainly wouldn't want to hear him when he's talking if he's against something, if...(laugh) with the way he's talking for it here. But I know he does support this bill, even though it does cost the farmers some more money. The situation in Nebraska is, we do have to grow Nebraska. We have to grow all across Nebraska, not just in our urban areas. And this particular bill will certainly help that. It will help all of Nebraska, and especially rural Nebraska. I do have a question for Senator Wehrbein, if he