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would...Senator Wehrbein, if he would respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield?

SENATOR ENGEL: I have a question, ...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...as far as the incentives for ethanol production. Is there anything in this bill for any new plants that want to come on board?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, there is not, per se, in ethanol. It is...in LB 312, I understand, is more friendly to ethanol plants than it was. But there's nothing...no direct incentive increases in this bill.

SENATOR ENGEL: Okay. The reason I asked, we do have a new plant coming, almost a given, up in Dakota County, Nebraska. And they are going about it without any of this EPIC Funds. But they...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There are several discussing that, Senator Engel. And...but I understand that LB 312 should be helpful on that line.

SENATOR ENGEL: Yeah. Well, I'm looking forward to that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: More helpful.

SENATOR ENGEL: But I do support the bill. And we'll be talking about it more as we get into certain provisions of it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Cunningham, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. Well, I appreciate all of the work that's gone into both LB 312 and LB 90 to get to this point. Senator Landis and the Revenue Committee worked very hard on LB 312. They worked with us on