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is...even though there are some things here that would be good to do to keep our commitments, I think there's every intention of keeping the commitments that we have when the time is Up until now, we'd agreed the checkoff would not be necessary. increased any more than an eighth of a cent. This does that. This increases it another eighth. General Fund money, we have a significant amount of money coming out of the General Fund at this point. This adds another \$1.5 million to it, which tends to break the agreements that we made in the previous time. So I'm going to have to oppose this. I am willing to...there can be a letter drafted from the Governor's Office to keep...that will keep our commitments into the future, if and when those commitments are needed to be completely fulfilled. That's the ones that Senator Bourne mentioned about in 2011 and '12, when we possibly could be short some money. I think the state of Nebraska and the administration and this Legislature will keep those commitments when that...have every intention of keeping those commitments when the time is necessary. At this point, it's not absolutely clear when and if those commitments will need to be kept or will be due. And because we've gotten to this point thus far with the significant increase in General Fund money of commitments to those, with a modest increase in the checkoff, which means agriculture is keeping their share of the commitment, that I would have to oppose this amendment at this point, but with the full understanding that when those commitments are due down the road and they do come due, that this Legislature and the Governor...and the administration, whoever that may be, present administration into the future, will keep those commitments. And with that, I cannot support this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Clerk, are you...Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Bourne a question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you reply?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes, Mr. President.