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get the total seven years, which is \$17.5 million. And really, in response to that, the corn growers were willing to go an eighth of a cent increase. If we would have had it all in the half cent increase, that would have cost an average farmer about \$1,000 a year. As we're talking about economic incentive packages and giving people incentives to do something more, the other hand, we turn around and tax one area of the economy in the agriculture part, tax them another \$1,000 a year, didn't seem right. And we worked real hard to get a compromise. And LB 312 actually does a lot for rural, too. So I don't like this discussion when it gets to be, this is the rural package and the urban package, because my area has benefited on many occasions with LB 775. Three different...a town of 4,000 people, and we've had three different projects that have used that. And also, there is expansion on two of those projects now, again, that are going to be able to use that. To go back and add the other eighth of a cent, Senator Connealy, I guess your bill...your amendment will take that off. But then, felt like it was a compromise that the corn growers were willing to do something if we could get that...the other \$2.5 million for the balance of the time. Senator Bourne, could I ask you a question? If...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you...?

SENATOR KREMER: ...if we put in the million...

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR KREMER: ...extra \$1.5 million for the seven years--that's the total length of the EPIC Fund--and the eighth of a cent then, again, would be another \$1.5 million a year, is that correct?

SENATOR BOURNE: If...Senator Kremer, are you assuming the Connealy amendment is adopted, or not?

SENATOR KREMER: Yeah, I guess I'm assuming that is adopted, (inaudible).

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. If the Connealy amendment is adopted,