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under LB 536, if...should they come on line. I do think that AM1631 makes sense, in that it funds on an index basis, should those plants come along. But I do appreciate the work that Senator Wehrbein and others have done, and funded this program through 2009 or 2010. I personally support ethanol. I don't believe that we can have a new ethanol program until we fund the one we have. And that was part of my intent with this amendment. I am comfortable that the state will honor its commitments to those plants, should they come on line, under those LB 536 plants. So with that, Mr. President, I would withdraw that amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. AM1631 is withdrawn. Back to discussion of advancement of LB 90. Senator Schrock, your light is on.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there was some discussion back here about corn production in the world. And I happen to know a little bit about that. And so I passed out a sheet so you can see where the corn production takes place in the world. Generally speaking, United States produces about 40 percent of the corn produced in the world. And I would remind certain members of the body that it's corn that makes the beef that we produce in the state taste good. With that, I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. We are on Select File. Senator Wehrbein, you like to make a motion? I'm sorry. Senator Chambers, you had your light on just in time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to let Senator Schrock know that it's corn that makes cornbread taste good. It's corn that makes corn pones taste good. It's corn that makes griddle...corn griddle...it's to be eaten. That's what I want Senator Schrock to emphasize when he hands these papers out. Corn is consumed as an edible source of nutrition. When it is converted to fuel, it is done to fuel the profits of greedy investors and purveyors. The producers of ethanol have to use petroleum-based products to produce it. When ethanol is produced in America, it increases America's reliance on foreign oil. Ethanol provides 3 percent of