

Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Advancement of LB 364 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wehrbein, what was the rationale of putting a labor person on the committee?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There is broad support among the...both labor and agriculture in this bill, and it was felt that it was appropriate with construction funds, with the ongoing support of ethanol statewide, that it would be useful to have a person from labor on the board.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Members from the labor interest, do they pay this tax to finance this?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Not directly, although the construction industry does.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do the petroleum marketers pay a tax, a grain tax, on this issue?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Probably not, no.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator Wehrbein, I had a couple of phone calls this morning and they asked, one was the president of an organization, and he says support the bill without any amendments. Then I had another call from a vice-president of the same organization, and he said support the bill but don't support the amendments. So then I said, well, why don't you get your act together. Then I went a little further, Senator