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SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Waldron raised a very important issue here in Nebraska and I presume for the entire mid-west. I think that most all of you realize that fertilizer in and especially the nitrogen portion of fertilizer is a by-product of natural gas. Of course because of the energy crisis, we do have this same problem in the case of fertilizer. Let me tell you in more exact terms as to how critical it is at the moment. We are in the Burbach elevator in Crofton and we are in the fertilizer business. We will not receive a 45% of our last years allotment. If we need to have any further reminder of how serious this situation is, lets look at the beef price scandal, the price of beef cattle at the moment, and if this deteriorates any more the replacements are not being put back into the yards. When these cattle are not in the yards, we will have a great problem in the case of corn, we will be selling again for a dollar a bushel and so certainly if corn is a dollar or a dollar a quarter area, which we will have to have to have all of the fertilizer we can, in order to survive in that area. It is a very critical issue.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, for what purpose did you want to be recognized.

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, tonight some of you are going to have a night session because you are behind. Lets get back to General File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron, your light is still on, for what purpose do you want to be recognized?

SENATOR WALDRON: I would like to continue on that point of personal privilege Mr. President. I would like to say that to some of the members that think that this is not important. This is probably the most important thing to the state of Nebraska. We spend no further time doing anything else, after yesterday and after we finish with the budget bill, this is very vital to the state. Senator Schmit has the figures that show that we are having a greater amount of increase in the amount of fuel actually imported into this state. AT the same time we are being told by the federal administration that we have a shortage and that the price is going to go to 75¢ and I agree with Senator Schmit that there is probably a rip off here. We ought to get to the bottom of it.

PRESIDENT: Lets go to the General File consideration of LB1054.

CLERK: There is a unanimous consent request to print some material in the Journal by Senator Snyder to LB1026.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections? Hearing none so ordered.

CLERK: Read motion to consider LB795 on General File.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Richendifer for his motion on 795.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President, members of the legislature, the state of Nebraska stands to loose 7 million dollars of federal funds this year. Now whether this is important to you or whether it is not, you will have to decide this for yourself. There were four mandates by the federal government, and I certainly