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whether it is to be divided up in any way so we will just start out with the order in which he has them. An hour and a half on each. Well, then that will take us just about up to noon on the first one and the other one after recess. So we will commence then with LB 571. Mr. Clerk, do you want to read?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 571. Title read. The bill was first read on February 12 of this year. It was referred to the Ag and Environment Committee. The Committee amendments were adopted, Mr. President, on March 26th of this year. I now have pending amendments offered by Senator Schmit and those amendments are on page 1423 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: A package amendment so the Chair recognizes Senator Schmit on his amendments to LB 571.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, when LB 571 was introduced some time ago, we recognized there would be some problems with the technical drafting of the amendments. When we discussed the bill on consent file, we spent the fifteen minutes basically reviewing the need for the bill. At the present time, I do have as the Clerk has indicated on page 1423 the amendments which I spoke of when the bill was discussed the previous time. At this time I would like to move for the adoption of those amendments and then I would discuss those amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, proceed then with the discussion of the amendments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If you will follow me, you will note that section 1 indicates the intent of the legislation. It provides for the State of Nebraska to enter into agreements with local municipalities for the construction of plants for the production of grain alcohol. Section 2 provides for the transfer of funds, if and when needed, from the Highway Trust Fund to the special fund which is called the Alcohol Plant Fund, if and when those demands are necessary for the transfer to be made. Section 3 is a section of the bill which we entered because we felt that it was necessary to provide some protection for those plants that are constructed in Nebraska and we felt that if we had several years time to construct those plants that that would be sufficient so after July 1st, 1982 the tax benefit, five cent per gallon tax benefit would apply only to that alcohol which is produced in Nebraska located plants.