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SPEAKER BARRETT: An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend. Senator, I have AM2678 in front of me. (The Schmit amendment appears on pages 1600-01 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right. Mr. President and members, the amendment which I have here today is a very simple amendment and I will read it in total because I do not have it copied for you and I apologize for that. But the amendment says, and I quote, "Any grant or loan made pursuant to this section shall be matched by the recipient. The match may come from any funds available to the city, county, village, or postsecondary educational institution. If a grant or loan is made to the University of Nebraska, the match shall come from a specific appropriation of General Funds." The reason I am offering this amendment is very simple. There are always a multitude of new ideas for someone else's money. It would seem to me to be consistent with good management that if these funds are going to be made available and if some of this research is going to be attempted, that there ought to be some sort of reciprocal money placed in the operation. It would seem to me that we do a lot of basic research at the University of Nebraska and some at the other institutions, but it would seem to me that it would be consistent with good business practices that there be an amount of General Fund appropriation equal to the amount made by the various authorities for this purpose. I would offer the amendment for your consideration.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Schmit amendment. Senator Vard Johnson, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit has been talking about this bill for so long now that I have been compelled to think about it. I have...as I...I guess my conclusion is that the ethanol authority has received monies from the checkoff system for the purposes of alcohol plant construction and now, because there are not very many alcohol plants going up, the Ethanol Authority wants to be able to use checkoff money for any kind of grant. Is that a correct analysis, incidentally, Senator Smith?