

SENATOR SCHMIT: But there is no cap. We just can't spend any money to testify in support of or against state legislation. So, in effect, you would not be able to be reimbursed for your trip to Arizona.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, that is a good question. I don't know if the intenders of this...the intention of this group was to, was to keep me from testifying in state legislation, or if...or it was just simply a Nebraska...testifying before the Nebraska State Legislature. I assume part of the reason that...well I'll be honest with you, part of the reason I went down was that I happened to know several of the members of the State Legislature in Arizona and they thought that potentially my presence there, as a state legislator from Nebraska, knowing these individuals, would probably help influence some of the legislation that was being considered by the Arizona Legislature in Maricopa County, which is having a significant air pollution problem.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think we probably ought to amend this amendment to let the ethanol authority pay for your trip to Arizona, Senator, because otherwise I'm afraid you're going to have made that trip on your own. And knowing the conditions of most farmers, I don't suppose that you're especially flush. But, in all reality, I have no problem with this. I have no problem with this particular amendment, except I just want to point out the incongruity of the amendment. There are many other states, we should be in Arizona. It was right and proper that Senator Rod Johnson went to Arizona to testify. He should also go to Albuquerque to testify in New Mexico. He should go to every state in the southwestern part of the United States and testify in support of language which would use...mandate, hopefully, ethanol oxygenated fuels in their engines. We've got to have our head examined, folks, for tying our nose in a knot when we don't know what the hell we're doing, and that is exactly what is going on. It goes on and on and on and on and on and on. So we shoot ourself, not in the foot, ladies and gentlemen, but right between the eyes, right between the eyes and deservedly so, deservedly so. My good friends with the Farm Bureau and other fine farm organizations are so intense and so concerned about someone usurping their role as farm spokesmen and farm leaders that they will go to almost any means to prevent anyone, many times the Chairman of the Ag Committee, from taking any leadership role. Now fortunately most government agencies are innovative enough that they can find