

ethanol or if that is methanol, but as I understand it they would use garbage in order to make this product. And I guess going back to the issue of who paid for the funds, I have some real problems with the idea that the corn, wheat and sorghum folks, who kicked the \$16 million into the fund, are now going to pay for or potentially could pay for a group that might want to produce a product, ethanol or methanol, out of garbage that would compete with a plant that uses corn, wheat or sorghum to produce ethanol. Because of that I, as I said, was not present at the time the amendment was adopted. But I find it hard to believe that we would want to use this checkoff in order to fund this proposal. It would seem more relevant that this amendment, and I don't have any opposition to the idea of making ethanol out of garbage or methanol out of garbage, but I think that is more appropriate in some other bill. I've had some on landfills, Senator Schmit has had another bill on landfills, maybe that is where it more appropriately should be tacked onto. But, as I see this, we are funding a competitor to the commodity folks as opposed to enhancing their ability to generate ethanol and hopefully sell it on the marketplace. So, with that, I offer the amendment to basically repeal the Schmit amendment adopted some days ago.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Gavel.) Please, let's hold it down so we can hear the speaker. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, folks, I feel kind of bad. First of all, I rise in support of Senator Johnson's amendment, then Senator Vard Johnson, who looks over my shoulder all the time, rises and opposes it and Senator Rod Johnson withdraws that amendment, and then we get to talking about garbage, and there is lots of garbage moves across this floor from time to time. If it were not for the prestigious names that are on this bill, there might at some time or another the same appellations been ascribed to the bill. But it has some...it has a few redeeming qualities. One of those qualities, as we have explained at the present time, is that we shall look into the nonfood uses, productivity or products of ethanol distillation, and that is the redeeming quality of this bill. Now the reason that I offer the amendment which I provided to you is that it would expand and allow for the experimentation and the research to determine whether or not it might be possible to use garbage, yes, as an energy source in the distillation. It might just turn out they can make ethanol out of garbage, I don't know. But we know that there are areas where garbage is used as a source of energy to produce