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LB 74

particular area in Section 3.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess I really made the comment that I wanted to make, but I would...obviously the bill could not be enacted in the form that it's in, Mr. President. Conceptually it may be real fine, but there are a number of items that somewhere along the line would have to be clarified if it was to be used.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, as the Vice-chairman of the Ag Committee, do you have any comments on LB 74? Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, I think this is to entice the industry to get into the alcohol producing business. If we, as a state, give directions to our agency to use gasohol, I think we're leading the way that will show that we are interested in having this type of fuel, and I think that's a problem, we can't get private industry interested in building alcohol plants, and by requiring that the state use it, then it will give direction to industry that we have interest in the production of gasohol. I don't think there's any fiscal impact the way the bill is amended. It says that it shall not be used in the state vehicles until it's Nebraska produced. So I think we're worrying about something that's way off months, and probably years away.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think Senator Koch brought up a good question about this, and I'm sure that the amendment takes care of most of it when it says it has to be produced in Nebraska. I'm not sure that any of us would want to make Archer Daniels or alcohol coming from the west coast made from sawdust any wealthier than they are, so I think this is the crux of the whole thing. It will take a while. Now as far as the fiscal impact is concerned, I don't think any of us know what that will really be. I read an article just lately in the paper where some gentleman says he can produce alcohol for fifty cents a gallon. I rather doubt that. I think that we're going to have a tough time producing alcohol to compete with gasoline even at its present price, but who knows what the future price of gasoline will be? It's an incentive. That's the whole thing. If we're ever going to get anybody interested in producing alcohol out of...power alcohol, I'm going to