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have fit the requirements of LB 424 in which the funding would be required to be expended if it is enacted and I think everybody concurred in that. Since that time there was at least one of them that I have seen which was, again as Senator Hefner points out, we have studied and studied and studied and that one was for another feasibility study by one of the applicants. There is a second one which is a million gallon type of proposal which I am not sure if it does or does not fit 424. I wouldn't say it does not but in any event the committee did not advance the bill for two or three reasons. First, was because of the problem that we had of knowing that the substantive bill was not adequate to allow the money to be spent. Secondly, as things narrowed down it was the problem of the million dollars and that is a problem or at least otherwise you have to cut something else out and then finally, I would say two other things. The \$30,000 in there for their fees, they do have a collection of money now. Perhaps they could redirect some of their funds and use those funds they currently have for the \$30,000 and then finally I guess the thing that continually perplexes me is that we always need to subsidize gasohol plants because they are not economically feasible but if the price of gas would go up a little then it is and the price of gas goes up ten cents and fifteen cents and thirty cents and still it is not feasible and I have still not quite understood how that can be possible that no matter what happens you have to subsidize the plant. It would seem to me the price of gas is rising at the point where a private sector could handle it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a question of Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Schmit, I understand you were in Brazil...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I was.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...with Senator DeCamp and studied their gasohol program. I have never heard you discuss it on the floor and perhaps you could lend a little light now as it would be applicable from the experience in Brazil.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I would be glad to, Senator Pirsch.