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a little bit of this money from this side, have a balance. Now I would just like to close by saying everybody here has talked about gasohol as a fuel, as a fuel. Remember that? That is all anybody has talked about this morning. Do you remember how it all started? Gasohol started as a way to use up that excess grain. So we see that gasohol is broader and deeper than most imagined. It isn't just energy. It has to do with our products out there, our food products. It has to do with any number of things and the gasohol making process produces an end product, protein, which can be shipped to other nations much more economically than we are now doing. So don't be afraid to spend the \$300,000, understanding that it is a thing that will trigger, hopefully, the balance of this program and without it you might see 571 be passed but it not function because it didn't have the blueprints and plans and those things. I urge you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, first of all I would like to make my position real clear. I do support the gasohol program. I always have and will continue to do so but it is my firm belief that the route we are attempting to take now, using this amendment to promote the gasohol program, is not the right way. First of all, it is not enough money. I think we ought to go for the million. I am not as close to the budget as the chairman and the members of the Appropriations Committee but I do know that it appears at least that there will not be a change in the refund on food tax and certainly there must be some money there that could well be used to promote gasohol in the State of Nebraska. I would like to speak what is going to happen, speak to the issue of the 208, water quality planning program that we are going to have to face in the very near future and if those regulations and rules are in force, it is going to force our agriculture people into a very difficult position, especially on some of the more rolling land that is now under intensive irrigation. They are going to have to stop this run off. They are going to have to build terraces and dams and what not in order to meet those rules and regulations and without the front end money supplied by the State of Nebraska I can see no way that we are going to get some of the federal funds that will be available. I believe at this point we need all the money that has