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SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I hope the rest of you aren't getting as weary of this situation as I am but I think if you are going to fool around with shrinkage that we ought to have some experts tell us what it really is. I think this is the wrong time and the place to be arguing about it. I see that eighteen up there. So I would hope that we quickly defeat the Johnson amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I am certainly no expert on the gasoline business but I do have friends that are and this isn't the first time this has come up in the five years, six years that I have been here. So very quickly there is a lot of reasons why there is the three percent allowance and some of them, number one probably, especially out in this part of the country and Nebraska, there is first of all the big bulk plant where the trucks go get the gasoline. Now there has to be, that is, spillage and the shrinkage from that place to the distributor. That may be fifty miles, it might be a hundred miles, it might be five miles, depending on the weather there is a shrinkage there. You get to the distributor, it is stored in those tanks. Most of them are above ground. There is more shrinkage above ground because of the heat in the summertime. Then the bulk wagon that takes the gas to the distributors, to the farms and the various places, so you have a spillage, you have the chance of loss there. Now Nebraska's weather of extreme heat and cold, especially heat, and here is the best example I can give you. Back in the days when you could afford to fill your gas tank clear to the top and not worry too much and I have been guilty of it, and I soon stopped, when if you filled it in cold weather, put it in a garage that was heated and the next morning there was gas on the floor, I guess pretty much tells you the difference and that works just the opposite, of course, in cold weather, only it goes down. I think that three percent is a very fair figure. I don't think they make a penny on it by the time the shrinkage and the spillage is taken into account. I certainly would ask you to oppose this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb. The question? The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is to cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. The question is to cease debate.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

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