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I have no great problem with that. If we are going to exempt it from all contribution for highways, that seems a little excessive to me.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have no objection to holding the amendment until Select File. At the present time, only the State Patrol is using wood alcohol and it is not a major item by any chance by any means, and unless we develop the industry, there will never be anything there anyway. So there is no tax being collected at the present time from this product because there is none in existence so to speak, but if we are going to develop it, then I think we would have to exempt the tax and I think you can understand why but I would be glad to wait until Select File and discuss it with yourself and Senator Carsten and anyone else because I know that your concerns really are about the impact upon state revenues. Mr. President, I would withdraw the amendment and ask that it be held until Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion now is to advance the bill. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the bill. I think it is a more easier way to solve a problem that we have. What this bill does now would you would be able to issue a permit and pay for this permit, pay a fee for this permit, and it would allow you three trips into the state per month. It is a very simple idea and it is a lot more easily to be enforced. I am very appreciative of Senator Schmit for withdrawing his amendment until we get a chance to study it over a little bit. I think it is all right but I think we want to be sure. The way it is now the trucks coming into the state have to pay a state tax on those gallons that if they come into the state with over thirty gallons and, like I say, that is kind of a hard job to measure this and a lot of time the law enforcement officers would just leave it go. And so I think this is the way to go and I urge you to advance this bill to Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing LB 360 vote aye, opposed vote no. Now while we are waiting for the other votes, it is my privilege to introduce in the North balcony from Senator Schmit and Senator Warner's District 29 fourth grade students and five room mothers of Raymond Central School at Valparaiso, Mrs. Loretta Sterns is the teacher. Will you raise your hand so we can see where you are? Welcome to the Unicameral. Record the vote.