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energy which we have been talking about on this floor ever since I have been here, that is seven years, and we haven't taken a very big stride in any direction and I don't know that we ever will. I can't support Senator Maresh's amendment because if we are going to talk about severance tax and its uses for weatherization and that type of effort, it ought to remain right where it has been historically, right where the public schools are. So we open this gate, now what is to prevent us from directing it to other sources. We might as well. As far as I am concerned you can take this severance tax and leave it just like it was. I don't hear any hue and cry out here. Senator Wesely mentioned 2,500 school districts. He is incorrect. There is just a little over a thousand. The committee tried to...oh, 2,500 school buildings. And we had a bill in the Education Committee and we are going to reduce those a little bit, however, the consensus was not very strong to do that. And so I am going to oppose Senator Maresh's amendment and I am not too sure I am going to accept Senator DeCamp's amendment once we are done playing around with it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: I really wanted to speak to Senator DeCamp's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to talk to the Maresh amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, Mr. President. I have read the amendment and I have no objection to it. As I read it, just for the record to clarify it, as I read it it just basically says to the Energy Office, kind of keep interested in alcohol, gasohol, whatever. It doesn't have any specific money involved in it but make sure that they do not lose interest in it. And so we are giving the Energy Office the money as I mentioned earlier. It is a very limited amount of money and I think it just clarifies what I said earlier about they are interested in alcohol as they are in other things and I am sure that will be among their duties and if Senator Maresh wants to clarify that I sure have no opposition.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Maresh amendment to the DeCamp amendment. Senator Maresh, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MARESH: Only that I think as it was stated, that the Energy Office is looking towards alcohol production and I think we need to give these people that build these stills all the help they can get to have all the latest technical knowhow to produce alcohol, the cheapest way possible. So I move that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Maresh