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action, sometimes other action coming out of there, we are not going to be able to survive as an entity. I think you have to remember the emphasis has shifted. We are excellent at production. We are poor at marketing and a part of that reason is because we do not have the ability to fight on an equal basis. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk has some items on the desk which he will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of motions on the bill. The first is offered by Senator Warner who....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it is unfortunate that Senator Warner could not be here on this motion. I was aware of Senator Warner's motion and I think Senator Vickers visited with Senator Warner about his motion as well. What his motion does is to reinstate language in the bill with respect to allowing a prohibition that has existed for many, many years with respect to the Nebraska Wheat Board so far as its setting up its own research or development units. It reinstates that language which prohibits the Wheat Board from operating its own research and development units and inserts... and takes out the language which this bill incorporates into the statutes which would allow them to set up their own research and development units and also to contract with the University of Nebraska or the Institute of Agricultural Natural Resources or other organizations. The real reason I think for this amendment is to prevent exactly what Senator Schmit is talking about, and that is to prevent these boards from investing their funds in their own research facilities or in their own gasohol plants, or their own facilities of any kind. I think that the function of these boards is to provide for research and marketing and I don't think that they can do that best by setting up their own structures. And I just really believe that we are going to have these funds spread so thin in the future if we allow them to set up and operate as independent agencies to operate their own research and development activities. With respect to gasohol, my record on gasohol, Senator Schmit, has been clear from the very, very beginning, and I'm one of the few people that voted against Senator Maresh's bill a couple of years ago. And I will tell you why. Because I don't think we need to put public money into it. I think if gasohol is going to be feasible, then it can be