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to it last year?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, I wouldn't really. Can I explain it this way? Senator....

SENATOR KOCH: I know the role and mission of the University. One of their objectives is research.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Their objectives are....

SENATOR KOCH: Now tell me what the Gasohol Committee is doing in research. What can they do? Nothing, can they?

SENATOR DeCAMP: They can pass through the money to the University.

SENATOR KOCH: Nothing, can they? The Gasohol Committee is for what purpose? To promote gasohol development in the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, that and numerous other.....

SENATOR KOCH: All right, that is not research, that is promotion. That should be under economic development and we appropriate a lot of money in the state for that purpose. I object to that and I am going to have an amendment to change it and put it back the way it was.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp to close, briefly I hope.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, what we are doing is utilizing 799 for about three purposes; one, technical corrections of all energy legislation up to this time, and we have advanced that to this point and it is truly noncontroversial. The second purpose is to put the rest of the energy programs, some solar things that the Governor and the homebuilders have agreed...the Governor has agreed to sign it and the homebuilders seem to think it is awful important. The third thing is avoiding taking any money out of the general fund by funding everything to do with energy, the energy office, the energy research at the University, through the same amount of money we utilized last year out of the severance tax money. The severance tax raises 5 to 5½ million, we are using \$500,000. It funds the whole energy office so you don't have to go to the general fund. It funds your research at the University so you don't go to the general fund. It funds the administration costs, the \$100,000 or so for the tax department so you don't go to the general fund. That is what that \$500,000 is. And Senator Koch is concerned about the going through the