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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. O'Donnell, would you please read the amendment? I have got so much paper on my desk I couldn't find it now.

CLERK: (Read the Koch amendment as found on page 1778 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR KOCH: Okay, what this gets to is the discussion I had earlier when I was questioning Senator DeCamp and Senator Wesely in their opening remarks, and a year ago I remember very distinctly when we were allocating the \$500,000 that we distinctly said that \$100,000 of this would go to the University of Nebraska. And I remind you that in our role and mission we designate the University of Nebraska as our major research arm and I have yet to have anybody tell me how much research the Gasohol Committee has developed except that their primary purpose as I understand it is to promote gasohol in the State of Nebraska. We are talking about research in the area of energy, I doubt that that qualifies to a very high degree. So the only way I am going to maintain my position of support on this piece of legislation is put the money back where we gave it or allocated it a year ago because if the University of Nebraska doesn't do research I wonder who does outside of maybe the Cancer Research at Eppley and a few other places. So my motion is to return the \$100,000 to the University of Nebraska. Now if they need the Gasohol Committee for advice and consultation on how to carry out primary research, then so be it. But I doubt that they have very great capabilities in primary research. So, therefore, I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, Senator Schmit was the one that was particularly interested in this and I see that Senator Koch by his amendment is attempting to accomplish the same thing but I wonder why he is concerned about Senator Schmit's method of doing it. Since Senator Schmit has now arrived on the scene, I will let him speak and take the balance of my time and any time he wants on this very important thing.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. I appreciate Senator Koch's interest in gasohol and alcohol fuels. I appreciate the work that has been done by the University