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the turn, and I really can't quite understand your doing it because you have generally always supported agriculture, that we find those persons who want to do those things which are detrimental to the agricultural industry. As I said before, the Nebraska Gasohol Committee was the first in the nation and there are those who are now saying we don't need alcohol fuels, we are going to do something else, we have got too much petroleum. I would just like to suggest that if you take a look at the states around us you will find that the energy producing states are becoming richer and richer. The food producing states are becoming poorer and poorer, Senator Koch. One reason is because we have not developed those additional markets that we ought to develop for those agricultural products that we produce here. Now you can make up your mind if you want to do those things that enhance and enrich the petroleum industry and the petroleum producing states, or if you want to continue to invest a small amount of funds in the area of research that might possibly find a new source, a new use for an agricultural product. If we do succeed in that area, every single person in this state and in this nation is going to benefit. In fact, every person in the world will benefit. It has been my firm conviction for many years that very likely that when research is adequately completed that the alcohol could be the byproduct and the protein food could be the prime subject of that process. I think we ought to remember that. I think that when we are critical of what the Gasohol Committee has done, I want to reinforce your memory once more that with the exception of the original \$40,000 appropriation of the Legislature back in 1971 all of the funds that have ever gone into that committee have been the funds that have been contributed by farmers themselves who have voluntarily surrendered a portion of their gas...off highway gas tax refund for that research. It seems to me that it makes sense that we further enhance that research and that we find new uses for our primary and principal production, starch, which is produced in the form of foreign wheat, milo and etcetera. I would hope, Senator Koch, that you would not vigorously promote your amendment. I think it is not going to...the manner in which the amendment reads now is not going to in any way damage the research at the University of Nebraska. It may very well enhance it. And if your amendment were adopted, it could have a bad effect upon the program. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I oppose the Koch amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to second what Senator Schmit just said. One thing I would like to have all of us remember in here is

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