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you earlier, we have a bill floating around here somewhere which we probably will never get to that will increase the farmer contributions to the Gasohol Committee, but this money here will transfer through the Gasohol Committee to the University of Nebraska.

SENATOR KOCH: So the University of Nebraska then becomes a subcontractor at the wishes of the Gasohol Committee.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Gasohol Committee has contracted with the University in the past and they will do so again in the future.

SENATOR KOCH: Then the final question, Senator Schmit, why wouldn't it be appropriate to put the money in the University of Nebraska in the first place and let them determine who the subcontractor is going to be in terms of research?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I suppose you might think that since the Legislature established the Gasohol Committee for the purpose of developing, promoting utilization of alcohol fuels, the development includes the research, Senator, but we did not provide them the facilities to do the research so they contract with other groups. The University is one with which they have contracted. Bill Scheller who was a former Chairman of the Chemical Engineering Department has been their technical advisor since the group was originated. They have an excellent relationship with a number of those many people at the University as do I, but I think that there is some justification and obviously other people will agree with me for some sort of central point for alcohol fuels research. And that is what the committee was established for, that is what they have been doing and there ought to be a single clearing house and a single contractual agency, otherwise you will wind up with what the federal government have, a bunch of beltline bandits that have sucked billions of dollars out of the federal government over the past four or five years and they got absolutely nothing for it.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Senator Schmit, I appreciate your comments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you.

SENATOR KOCH: But I also realize that we all have certain pets around here we perpetuate and I am going to come back with an amendment again to see if we can't get it appropriately