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times in my lifetime. Some day they may be at Morrill Hall. Now I think this amendment is important. It is critical. What we are saying is we are taking a shot at the University system. We are saying, you can't do research because sometimes your research we don't agree with, it's negative. But I submit to you a long time ago, about 215 years ago they said the atom was impossible too, one paragraph; forty-four paragraphs on midwives. That was the Encyclopedia Britannica. Now we do everything with the atom but there wasn't always favorable research. So I am asking that in the A bill we place in there the University of Nebraska and strike the Gasohol Committee. The \$100,000 goes back to where we said it was going to be a year ago. And I am getting a little tired, every year we bring in an energy bill. You start playing around with severance tax that was dedicated to the public schools. We allowed it to happen a year ago in the interest of weatherization. Now we are coming in here and we have got some more ideas and this bothers me a little bit because you shouldn't have to stand up and defend the trust every day. I am willing to use it for research if it is appropriated for research but not for promotion, because research you have got to have before you can ever promote anything to any degree with any success. Every dollar put into research will turn at least \$11. We know that is an economic fact. I also read the World Herald and I see where they say agriculture benefits Omaha \$3½ million but sometimes we exaggerate for public relations purposes. So I am asking for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I appreciate Senator Koch's interest and I know he has a deep interest in education, and I do not challenge his expertise in that area. But I just want to point out that the statutes as they read today say Nebraska is a leader in the development of gasohol as a alternate energy source. Nebraska has an obligation to continue this research, development and leadership, so that the Nebraska Gasohol Committee is the proper agency to implement this law, etcetera, etcetera. It says also, one of the responsibilities, we have created an alcohol fuel tax fund and one of the responsibilities of the fund which we have operated with here provides for sponsoring research and development of industrial uses of byproducts resulting from the manufacture of agricultural ethyl-alcohol in order to enhance the economic feasibility. And it says the fund shall be administered by the Agricultural Products Committee which we then later named