

with me on this bill. This is an important bill, ladies and gentlemen, it is a bill which is of a lot of importance to the State of Nebraska, it is a bill which is of no personal importance to me insofar as pride of authorship is concerned, but it is important to me as a farmer and a citizen of the State of Nebraska. I hope that you will advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have is by Senator Haberman. Senator, this is AM603 that is found on Journal page 896.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, please, on your amendment.

CLERK: This is the one, Senator, it says...(Read Haberman amendment.)

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay. Mr. President, members of the body, as has been stated the grain shall mean wheat, corn and grain sorghum. Well now the wheat, corn and grain sorghum producers were the individuals that funded the Ethanol Authority and Development Board, and so they should be the one that benefit by having their grain purchased by this fund of \$17 million. Now I don't see how anyone can be taxed under the assumption that their tax money is going to be used to help the Nebraska farmer and use his grain. That was the intent when we started out. And the intent was a good intent and it is a good intent, and this body bought that fact that we're going to use Nebraska grain, we're going to help the Nebraska farmer. So what this amendment says is that's the grain we're going to use. The original legislation that created the Ethanol Authority expanded the use of Nebraska agriculture products. Efficient and less polluting energy sources and reserves, which will make Nebraska more independent energy wise and which will retain Nebraska dollars in Nebraska's economy which creates additional jobs, additional tax income to the state rather than the export of Nebraska dollars. So I'm going to rest my case on that now. Maybe Senator Schmit has some good reasons why we shouldn't use just Nebraska grain. And I will be pleased to listen to Senator Schmit's reasons and go on from there. Thank you, Mr. President.