

live near the state line farm land on both sides of the state line. We should certainly encourage them to market in Nebraska as much as possible. As I said, once it's dumped in Nebraska it pays the tax and therefore I think it's entitled and qualified to take any benefits that might accrue from this program. I move for the adoption of my amendment to Senator Haberman's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Schmit amendment to the amendment? I have a number of lights on here. Senator Rod Johnson, would you care to speak to the Schmit amendment?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would. I rise to support Senator Schmit's amendment. I think we will take an awful lot of time this morning to discuss the entire issue of the Ethanol Authority and its successes or its failures. I would just like to point out to the body I've had several members come up and say, is this a good bill? I think it is. I think it helps extend the life of the Ethanol Authority. I think that they are on the edge of making some significant contributions to the ethanol industry. And it is my opinion we need the ethanol board to continue to operate and hopefully begin the development of future plants and products to be developed right here in Nebraska. Now we have a variety of amendments being proposed by Senator Haberman and Senator Schmit I would suggest the body pay close attention to those amendments because some of them will have a substantial impact on the way the authority can operate. Now I realize that there are a lot of you in this room today who have some concerns with the amount of money the Ethanol Authority has in its fund, and the fact that they have not yet made a substantial investment in a particular company. I think, as I said earlier, that they are on the cutting edge of some products being developed in Nebraska that will hopefully revolutionize the ethanol industry. Nebraska could be a foundation leader in development of those products. I think it would be a terrible mistake if we would choose to either reduce or eliminate the Ethanol Authority's powers. I think that they have been very prudent in their approach towards addressing the issue of building plants in Nebraska. They have had a number of proposals offered to them by various companies, none of those have met I guess the prudent man rule, that the authority has felt comfortable enough to make substantial investments in any companies. There are a number of proposals still before the authority that they are working on. And, as I said, I assume eventually they will get to a point