

and think about it. Why would there be equipment that was used for what we're going to use it for, and the issue has been clouded, we're not going to use it evidently for ethanol, we're going to use it for other purposes. If a plant or an industry has gone under, then why would we want their equipment? And then another question is, what is going to...what is it worth to that firm? So I guess...see I am not questioning, and I have not questioned some of the other issues that have been mentioned on this floor, about the ethanol board, about what they have done or haven't done, the issue that I'm talking about is trying to clarify, trying to clarify in the statute, for example, they say in their testimony they don't know whether they can buy equipment or not. So then the question comes up, have they bought any? And, if they've bought some, did they do it illegally? How much more are they going to buy? So I will say one more thing. I want everyone...I've got a feeling that Senator Schmit is going to prevail, which is fine. But it doesn't bother me a bit to stand up here and raise these questions, have him explain them. And I hope down the road that I'm wrong. I hope that none of these things that I'm asking that we try to be ready for, if it happens, happens. So I would say that I still feel we should leave it to brick and mortar. We shouldn't take the tax dollars to buy the equipment, and I ask you to oppose Senator Schmit's amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The gentleman from Tecumseh, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question has been called. It won't be necessary, however, we have no other lights on. Thank you, sir. Would you care to close, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Only briefly, Mr. President. I appreciate the remarks of Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Smith. I think that they adequately expressed the reasons why we should adopt my amendment to the Haberman amendment, and I want to emphasize again that, as Senator Elmer said, that the vast majority of the expense of one of these plants is in equipment. And it doesn't make any sense to me that we try to differentiate between it. I think that I want to emphasize again what Senator Rod Johnson said, the prudence that has been exercised by the authority is in fact commendable. Contrary to what some of us feared, that