

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, the amendment clarifies the terms contained in the amendment adopted by the body. It changes the word "enterprise" to "project" and the word "entrepreneur" to "applicant" and these changes are consistent with the Ethanol Board's terminology. On page 2, line 7, the word "substantial" has been deleted from the employment paragraph. This is to eliminate possible confusion. The employment of two or three people may not be considered substantial in some cases but in a small community two or three people being employed can make a difference. On page 3, line 20, the word "initial" has been added to clarify the investment made with regard to 49 percent ownership in a project. Page 4, lines 3 through 5 were added to allow the board to provide assistance to the applicants in their investment requests. Page 4, lines 7 through 10 were added to limit the amount of investment that the Ethanol Board can make in projects dealing with research and development. It limits this amount to \$3 million which is approximately 20 percent of the amount collected through the checkoff after refunds are made to the farmers. These amendments to my original amendment adopted by this body have the approval and cooperation of the Ethanol Authority and my esteemed colleague over here to my right, Senator Schmit. I ask the body to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Haberman amendment. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, Senator Haberman has gone through the amendments. He has very meticulously researched some of the wording and has worked, as he said, with the Ethanol Authority representatives and myself and our various staff people and I have reviewed the amendments and I fully support the amendments and ask that they be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Any closing statement, Senator Haberman? Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Haberman amendment to LB 587. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Haberman's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.