

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, all right, then are you saying, Loran, that you are going to make this bid one way or the other, even though there may be some other bids on it that could be something that...some bids that could come in and buy the plant and actually expand it and increase production?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I am saying, Senator Smith, that if the Ethanol Authority does not bid, I shall bid, and I shall bid on the premise that I bid with...

SENATOR SMITH: For the people?

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...the strength of the Ethanol Authority behind me and the utilization of those funds on behalf of the Nebraska farmers.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, you realize I will be interested to be a part of this or to be kept up-to-date on it, Loran.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I appreciate your interest in it.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: I have a couple of other questions that I would like to ask for clarification.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, questions on the budget?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, for the remainder of my time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have 2 1/2 minutes.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, thank you. I would like to ask, who was it that did the...who gave us the information on the State Racing Commission? Was that you, Senator Hannibal? The State Racing Commission, who was that?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson, would you respond?

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, Senator Johnson, you explained that the increase in state aid that you approved almost totally goes to aid small race tracks and also the county fairs, but could you