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PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, I cheated you five minutes worth, I wanted you to know that, in case you had more to say, I want to give you...

SENATOR BAACK: Oh, I will give the rest of the time then to Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT: You have five minutes left.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. members of the body, I also stand to support the amendment. I guess that you might look at me and say, well you're from Hastings, Nebraska and that's one of the reasons why you're standing here supporting. I guess I can't think of a better reason. But I can also think of a reason that all of us in this body should be supportive because we have a successful ethanol plant in Hastings and, if we see the expansion and increased development of that plant, we're going to see some increased benefits for farmers and also for all Nebraskans. The ethanol plant in Hastings, as you know, is in the middle of a bidding process right now. And availability of these funds, not necessarily only for that project, but to make them available for that project and for the bidders in the form of loans, grants, construction or expansion, will be very important and, as I said, a benefit to all of us down the road. So I wouldn't want anything to jeopardize, in any way, the bidding and the bidders on that project. And I would like to make sure that we do have these funds available.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith,...

SENATOR SMITH: With that, I guess, I will just simply say I don't need my five minutes, I will support the amendment, and I hope all of you will also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) We're getting awfully loud and we cannot hear the speakers. Please hold it down. Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I'll be very brief. I feel that this amendment is needed. We are on the verge of letting bids for some ethanol production in the state that will be...require some of these funds very soon. I support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senator