

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I offer this motion for reconsideration not because I'm for or against what just happened, but because I believe it's absolutely ridiculous that we vote on this issue at this time without adequate discussion of the issue. This morning we spent an hour on deciding whether or not we should put \$50,000 into the Joslyn Castle, and I don't care how you voted on that. We've done many other similar actions during this session of the Legislature. I want to say this, I don't believe it makes much difference whether the money is appropriated or not. I think, as I said earlier, the committee had ample reason to show some concern and to send a message perhaps to all of the checkoff boards relative to the utilization of the money. But I would hope that you would listen carefully, unless we amend some substantive bill to remove some of the impediments and to allow and give direct guidance to the ethanol authority that this Legislature does approve the investment of funds in that plant, under the conditions we have outlined, then it isn't going to make any difference, because there isn't going to be any money used. I doubt very much that this money will be utilized by the ethanol authority to assist the company from New Mexico, I don't think so. There is a whole series of reasons. Senator Rod Johnson gave several ideas as to the scenario which might develop. But, ladies and gentlemen, I think it's important, and I am drafting legislation that will be offered to you which, and I hope we can get together and discuss this because to me this is the opportunity for all of us to show that we understand the direction we are going in this area. Now, Senator Haberman was very vociferous in his criticism of the authority and the gasohol committee and many other entities, some of it justified. Just as sometimes criticism of this Legislature is justified. It does not mean you throw out the baby with the bath water. The point that I want to make here is this, that I've been involved since the first day, 18 years ago, on this kind of legislation. I have done about everything possible to encourage development...

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, ...excuse me a minute. (Gavel.) Please, let's hold it down so we can hear the speaker. It just gets noisy quickly again. Please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...of an ethanol industry. As I have said, it has been more than 35 years since I first began to work on this. To some people the vote a little bit ago was a chance to maybe override the Appropriations Committee. Maybe some people said,