

amendments to LB 289, I was well aware and probably just almost as much aware of the importance of the bill as my good friend Senator Morrissey and Senator Schellpeper, although I realize my awareness level sometimes rises and falls, Senator Morrissey, with the issue, but I just want to way this. It was not my intent to encumber the bill in any way. It was not my intent back in 1971 to cause any problems for the petroleum industry with the creation of DEC. It is not my intent today to cause any problems for them by any amendment or proposed amendment which might cause difficulty with that bill. I have come a long way in the last 18 years with the ethanol industry. As I said when I explained the amendments, I have no problem whatsoever if this body feels at this time they do not want to address it, but I am not going to debate the issue for another hour and a half or so when we have a lot of important work to do. I believe very strongly that perhaps, as I said, I don't know if I need the amendment or not. I do not know. My concern is that I wanted to bring it to your attention, I wanted to bring to the attention of this body on the public record what I am doing, why I am doing it, the direction I am going, and where I hope to arrive. Rather than to cause any difficulty for the proponents of LB 289, Mr. President, I ask permission to withdraw the motion and go on with the bill, and I hope that if any of you have any questions about what we are doing here, have any questions about what I am doing relative to the proposal, that you will contact me privately and we will discuss it further at some other time, and I may be back to you again some other time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no further amendments to the bill at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that LB 289 as amended be advanced to E & R for Engrossing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion to advance the bill to E & R Engrossing. Discussion? Senator Pirsch, did you care to discuss it? Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, we have had a good discussion here. It started this morning and it is about ready to wind up, but there is one thing more that I would