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investment and provide any comments then to the Ethanol Board. Puts really no restriction whatsoever in particular. I would imagine as a practical matter that the Ethanol Authority would have such a study, certainly I would hope they would have such a study at least prior to the making of any investment. Currently, as you all know, there is slightly less than 18.3 million in the...in that cash fund that could be readily invested into any area. This 30-day period at least would provide an opportunity for analysis of people outside of the Ethanol Authority to review what is to be...being proposed in its feasibility and that's the purpose of it. At the end of the 30-day period, why, obviously the Ethanol Authority could proceed if they chose even though the investment officer, for example, or others challenged the soundness of the investment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, please. Don't see him at the...oh, yeah, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I talked to Senator Warner about this amendment earlier to get an idea of his concerns and I'm not going to support the amendment, but the problem I have, I guess, is that as I see it we're basically telling the Ethanol Authority that we don't trust you how you're going to spend the money and I don't know if we do this for any other group. Maybe we do and I don't know about it, but obviously with all the attention that is focused on the Ethanol Authority and all of the concern that people have with the amount of money that has been accumulating in the ethanol fund, there's an awful lot of folks that want to know how they're going to spend that money and whether they're going to make wise investment with that money, and obviously we want, first of all, to see that the Hastings plant is maintained and is purchased and obviously we don't want to see the money squandered and I don't think that the committee has done that to date, but this, I'm sure, is just another hoop that they would have to jump through to spend whatever money they would want to on a project and I guess I still have faith in the authority to make the right decisions and for that reason I'm not going to support the amendment, but I guess if Senator Warner can explain in his closing if we do this with other committees or authorities, I would like to know about it because I'm not aware if we do this for other groups.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Haberman and Senator Wehrbein.