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SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, the committee voted 5 to 1 that these four members be approved as members of the Ethanol Authority. I have asked that the body vote individually on Mr. Lichti. Mr. Lichti is a man who has had considerable experience in agriculture and business, and has shown a great deal of interest in the work of the Ethanol Authority. And I recommend...The committee voted in favor of him. I voted nay on the original motion, because they were all together, but I support the appointment of Mr. Lichti to the Ethanol Authority.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the acceptance of Mr. Warren (sic) Lichti. All those in favor of that confirmation vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report of Mr. Richard Lichti.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Lichti is confirmed. Now we have three others, is that correct, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right, Mr. President. Mr. President, the committee voted 5 to 1 that Mr. Howard Buffett, Ms. Opal Jensen, Mr. James Kral be appointed...approved as appointees to the Ethanol Authority. And I was the dissenting vote, as I said earlier. I want to emphasize I have absolutely no reason to vote against those individuals on the basis of their personal qualifications. They are fine individuals. Mr. Buffett, who is the present Chairman of the Ethanol Authority, has shown a considerable amount of interest and has spent a lot of time already in his responsibility as Chairman, and has indicated to me that he will continue to do that. And I appreciate that very much. Mrs. Jensen has a banking background, and very frankly should be very helpful in that position as a member of the board because of her banking background. Mr. James Kral has a background in agriculture, and also should bring some expertise to the authority from that standpoint. I want to say at this time that when we created the Ethanol Authority we meshed the Gasohol Committee with the Ethanol Authority so there would be experienced persons. My opposition to the present appointees is