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all the frustration and anger and disappointment we have with the Ethanol Authority, and the fact that they have not done what we hoped they would do. But I would have to say that these people are all qualified to represent our interest on the board. And, if we have problems with the board, then let's correct the board's role and mission, not these particular people. So, with that, I'd urge the confirmation of these individuals.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, any closing?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President. I just want to point out there is a major difference between the appointment of Mr. Thorson and these appointments. Without exception everyone on the floor, I believe, spoke that Mr. Thorson was qualified, that he had experience, and was probably as knowledgeable as anyone else. I said these are all fine persons, personally. They have some background which can be useful to the board. What they do not have is a history of participation in the ethanol industry, or in the process of the development of the ethanol industry in the State of Nebraska. When we created the Ethanol Authority we placed on that authority the seven members of the Gasohol Committee, so there would be some continuity, some record, some knowledge of the previous work that had been done in the last 18 or 19 years. This time now we have lost 8 of the 11 members. We have 8 brand new members. Now, understand the State of Nebraska does not equate agriculture in importance with football. But if Mr. Osborne were to place 8 first starters, out of 11 men, on the football team, they'd fire him in a minute. Now, that is what we are doing here. Now, these people, I am confident, Senator Johnson, will do the best job they can. But they're going to be starting now where others were 18 years ago. The difficulty is that they are working in a situation where their opponents had been working on the other side of the spectrum for many, many years. And these persons are going to have to be brought up to speed very rapidly and very fast. I handed out for your information just a little item here, which I think is indicative of small errors that I think can be made and have been made, and which I think ought to be somewhat of a warning relative to errors that can be made of a much more significant nature. The authority has contributed \$10,000 to the Clean Fuels Development Coalition. I don't know much about them. I understand they are a lobbying group. And I understand that there are some differences of opinion, there has been at least in the past, on the authority as to whether or not they represent the Nebraska point of view. The Clean Fuels