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PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And do you know what? The pressure is going to get tighter. If we do not exercise some oversight on the Ethanol Authority funds, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Ladies and gentlemen, I am willing to go on record in that regard. If the rest of you do not care to do so, let me tell you that when the time comes, when it comes, I don't say if it comes, when the time comes that a problem develops, I will remind you, ladies and gentlemen, I will remind you, and I would guess that just as you do not like to be reminded today of the debacle that is existing with NIFA and you do not like to be reminded today of our errors in the past relative to industrial loans, ladies and gentlemen, you will not like it any better in a year or two when something develops with the Ethanol Authority funds. I would suggest that we ought to pass the bill. If there are problems with the bill and you want to be amenable to Vince Brown, our former Clerk, fine man that he is, you can talk to him all summer long, and you can come whistling down the pike next fall and put something on the floor. In the meantime, Vince will probably get a raise for having done the best job he can, and that will make everybody happy. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, please, followed by Senator Nelson and Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I am not going to speak to the technical side of this bill because I think that I may have some other people in company with me who do not understand all the technical side of it. But there are just two or three things I would like to say about it in defense of my own vote on the bill. If you look in the Journal, you will find the other day I did not vote on that amendment because at that time here we are in practically the last three days of the session and a whole new amendment is being run in on this bill which evidently came after the Attorney General's Opinion which I asked for at the request of people who wanted to find out what the Attorney General would think about that particular question. I didn't feel competent to vote for that amendment, one way or the other, so I did not vote. No, I haven't been here as long as you have, Senator Schmit, but that is one thing that really irritates me, when people say that on the floor of this Legislature that because you haven't been here, you don't