

understand what is going on. That is not true. I have paid attention to the ethanol question over the years. I happened to work on the Congressional staff in Washington, D.C., when the questions first started really surfacing. So I do think I have a little background and a little knowledge to at least know what is going on. From that point of view, and I don't feel that I am a captive of the petroleum industry. I do buy gasoline for my car. That is about the extent of what I do with gasoline. I use it in my car. And when I listen to what you say about economic development and so on and needing the plant in Nebraska and all of that, I understand what you are saying, but I just do not like the idea of all of this coming so quickly at the end of the session, and when this happens, we are always handed this specter, as, well, if we don't do this, everything is going to fall apart. So all I am doing is telling you why I am voting the way I am because of my own personal feelings. I just do not feel...I don't like to hurry on something this big. And I know, you say, well, we aren't hurrying, it has been 25 years. Well, but this particular bill it seems is going a little fast. So I have paid attention to everything that you and Senator Smith have said. I have read all the handouts, and I'm still not going to vote for the reconsideration simply because of my own feelings about the whole thing. Senator Hefner, or someone else, if you want the rest of my time, you may have it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You have two and a half minutes. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Crosby. I will...what I will do is go ahead.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I will just go ahead and explain a little bit more about the Attorney General's Opinion and our interpretation that Senator Hefner asked us about. Okay, Senator Hefner, basically, what I was saying is that the Legislature does, in fact, have the power to enact law and to appropriate funds to accomplish what is considered to be a proper public good or purpose. And then I went on and talked about the fact that if we have as an objective the promotion of the public health, safety, welfare, economy, prosperity, contentment, those kinds of things, and then I showed you a letter that I had received, we had received, and I sent a copy of that around, from Mr. Morris who represents the Omaha Indian Tribe, and his