

for new funding for the program but the bill, LB 142, itself is mostly intent language which I think would give a directive to the Department of Agriculture where to spend that \$100,000 should it be signed into law by the Governor and that, of course, is still questionable. But LB 142A was a shell of a bill that was not necessary. I saw an opportunity to take that bill, LB 142A, and apply the contents of the debate on LB 754 and put it into the A bill. I still would like to see LB 142 pass regardless of your feelings about the issue of the ethanol concept that I'm introducing on the A bill. Now, granted, if Senator Schmit is correct, if this amendment or this motion is unsuccessful to bring, one, to bring back LB 142 for reconsideration or if we do bring it back and we take up the consideration of LB 142A and it fails, I will attempt the same amendment basically onto LB 754. I have withdrawn all of my amendments to LB 754. I will offer this one amendment only to the issue and be done with it. I see no reason, at this point, to hit my head against the wall on this issue if there is no consensus among the body to support what I am proposing in the amendment. But I would like to see 142 reconsidered so that we can take up, obviously, LB 142A if it's reconsidered. But I will...I'm trying to be as open as I can about the process, and if it is successful in being reconsidered, I would like to take up the issue of the ethanol proposal on the A bill at the appropriate time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Moore, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, first off, before we talk about ethanol, I think we first need to talk about LB 142 and the need for it. Senator Johnson, why do you feel you need the bill, in 30 seconds or less?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thirty seconds or less, I think that the intent would give direction to the Department of Agriculture on where to spend the money. As I said, I have spoken with Jeanne Glenn this morning and she said I think the department would feel more comfortable if the intent language was passed and if the Governor, of course, approved of the appropriation that we provided.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Rod Johnson, did we ever repeal any statute when we cut the funds in 1985-86 for this program?