

important, I think, for him to bring out some of the problems that developed. But I think it is important that you recognize that we can address this issue. I have an amendment which I would like to offer, I want to let you know at this time I will offer it as an amendment to the Rod Johnson amendment after we've discussed this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And I think it is important that we try to do it in a rational basis like we do everything else. We adopted a constitutional amendment on taxes yesterday. We adopted 829, no impact. I didn't like it but we adopted it. I think it is important that we discuss thoroughly what Senator Schrock has proposed, and then we try to address the questions posed by Senator Warner so that somehow, and we know we cannot bind a succeeding Legislature, but you should not be able to totally reverse the direction of a program on the 85th day of the session and say, no more, no more equity investment for ag plants. We are breaking commitments there, ladies and gentlemen, just as we have broken many others in the past, that we should not do that. So I encourage your debate on this amendment. I encourage your debate on the bill. I encourage your input, and I ask you to maintain an open mind and listen carefully to the debate. And when you don't have anything else to do, go back and read again the compensation agreements...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...between Chief Industries and Ethanair Corporations because I think it brings to bear a very important part of this entire issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Pirsch, did you wish to address...?

SENATOR PIRSCH: I am not sure exactly what the Schrock amendment was and I was going to ask him some questions but he is not...oh, okay. Senator Johnson, what exactly is Senator Schrock's amendment.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Schrock's amendment, we provide a 2 cents exemption at the gas pump...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right.