

here is totally contrary to the interest of the ethanol industry. You have, instead, chosen to funnel the resources of the Ethanol Fund to a single individual entity, and you have said, thus far we will not allow equity investment to be directed toward any other entity. There is an Attorney General's Opinion which says that that language is unconstitutional. It is constitutionally suspect. If not, it ought to be immoral. It is immoral, and you ought to know it. We have stolen enough on this floor this year that we do not need to steal this kind of money from the corn, and the sorghum, and the wheat producers of this state. And, ladies and gentlemen, I do not care what happens, but I have told you before, I have spent a lifetime in trying to develop this industry. We have achieved success. When I first began to argue this and debate this bill, we were ridiculed. Today you have an industry, but today you have the same thing that has happened in many other states, you have greedy people wanting to soak up the funds that have been available through this Legislature, and I will not allow it to happen. I do not intend to allow it to happen. Senator Schrock, well-intentioned, Senator Schrock, you have been used by your colleagues. I know more about this, and I offer no apologies, I know more about ethanol legislation than the whole damn bunch of you put together. I have fought more fights and fought better people than all of you put together,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...as far as skill is concerned on this, and I may be beaten, but I will not be compromised, and I will not be bullied, and I will not be threatened, and I will not be coerced, and I shall not become guilty of taking taxpayer money and dumping it into a millionaire's pocket under the guise of trying to keep an ethanol plant in Nebraska. Shut the damn thing off, if that is what it takes. If it takes 20 cents a gallon to keep that plant going, then there is a farce here when you say you can build a new plant and get it going for 20 cents a gallon. Mr. President, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Crosby, did you wish to address the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: I was going to call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: I think that is a little bit premature, Senator