

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Schmit. Senator, I have AM1209. I understand you wish to withdraw that one and substitute 2198. (The Schmit amendment appears on pages 2676-83 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I would like unanimous consent to substitute.

SENATOR CONWAY: No objections. So ruled.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, you all have by now a copy of amendment 2198. I will try to go through it and I'm sure there will be those who have questions and concerns and I will try to answer them the best way I can. Page 1 of the amendment extends the tax breaks for ethanol blends to 1997 from 1992 at the present time, giving the program a longevity which I believe Senator Johnson had in his amendment also. Page 2 are strictly technical amendments. Page 3, lines 14, 15, through 18, increases, as I believe another amendment did, the money for the Gasohol Committee from three-quarters of a cent of the tax refund that goes to farmers to one and a half cent per gallon that goes to farmers, strictly funded by farmers. The reason for that is because there is much less gasoline...tax refund gasoline sold today than there was 20 years ago and it brings the funding for the Gasohol Committee back to more nearly earlier levels. Page number 4, lines 2 through 6, changes the per diem for Gasohol Committee members from \$15 per day to \$60 per day which is consistent with the money and the fee that is received by the Ethanol Authority members. Lines 8 through 15 allows the petroleum marketers for meeting a reformulated gasoline standard. There is no...now there are no nonattainment areas in Nebraska and so we have this language because it, as Senator Coordsen pointed out, was a necessary factor for Nebraska. Page 5, subsection 5, line 17, defines ethanol coproduct and says that it shall include ethyl tertiary butyl ether. The rest is old language. Page 9, this becomes the controversial portion of the bill. It says that we will pay 20 cents per gallon through June 30 of '91 to existing production. And then after June 30 of '91 we will pay that 20 cents per gallon on only that production which is not in existence at the time of the creation of the act and that it will be for a period of 24...or 84 months. There will be no