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ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, I do have an amendment offered by Senator Warner. It's AM2981. (See page 746 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner to open on the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, I didn't have this passed out. It's a very short, simple amendment. It was brought to my attention as a clarification, I suspect, but that's all it is. And that one of the sections of the bill deals with ethanol, and as you recall last session we enacted the legislation that dealt with the refund, not the refund, but the payments that ethanol plants are eligible for. And you'll require that that was for a sixty-month period in existing statutes for five years. And it would be up to an amount of \$5 million per year. Five plants, 5 million is 125 million total and this just clarifies that not more than 125 million gallons of ethanol produced at an ethanol facility at the end of the sixty-month period defined in the contracts entered to by the ethanol department and the, and the Department of Revenue. And so it's just a clarification of what is already existing law as far as the sixty-month period is concerned. So...I said dollars, I should have said gallons. But I would move the adoption of the amendment. It makes no change, I don't believe, but it makes it clear the total volume amount at this point would not exceed what we all anticipated on the expenditures, tax expenditures side.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Any discussion on the Warner amendment? Senator Pirsch. No. Any other discussion on the Warner amendment? Seeing none, Senator Warner to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Warner amendment to LB 1121. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Warner amendment is adopted. There is four minutes remaining on the bill. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. And I didn't mean to belabor this bill and so much time has gone by, but I do have two sections I wanted to ask Senator Warner about, and then you can have the rest of my time, Senator Warner. The first was, we