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recommending, or in the final analysis perhaps requiring, that plant-based drip oils be used in the irrigation systems in the state of Nebraska. We don't know exactly where we're at, but it is an issue that needs to be looked at. And I would recommend that this resolution be adopted by the Legislature. And if it is, and that's with the committee amendment by the way, I will be offering an amendment to the mainline appropriations bill in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the state side of this study. So with that, we could move to the committee amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Committee amendment, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, the committee amendment just adds the Corn Development Utilization and Marketing Board to it also. And the reason we did that is because corn oil is also something that could be used to lubricate wells. We did check with Senator Coordsen and he was agreeable to that, and so that's the reason for the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Your light is on next if you'd like to speak to the committee amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, on March 3, the Natural Resources Committee did have a hearing on LR 22. And there is an appropriations bill with this, despite what I said to Patrick O'Donnell earlier, and it is \$10,000. The University has said they'll need about \$40,000 to study this issue. And of course, the issue is that you use oil to lubricate your irrigation wells, and my experience is that it takes maybe a gallon or two of oil per well per year. And the question is, is that oil getting into our groundwater, contaminating our groundwater? I don't believe anybody really knows. We have some evidence that would say it does, and there's some people that doubt whether it does. But we don't know. The University has said that they thought they could do this study on \$40,000. It's thought that the Corn Checkoff Utilization Marketing Board and the Soybean Checkoff Board could be a source of funding. But it does appropriate \$10,000 for the study, which isn't enough to do the study, but