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a tax on everybody's gasoline to underwrite a boondoggle which is already being subsidized like no other industry or business venture in this state. And it still cannot make it. This boondoggle known as ethanol should be married to the State Fair, except that this state doesn't like same-sex marriages. When you got two things of the same kind, you don't want them to marry. Ethanol is a failure; State Fair is a failure. But they should be joined in holy matrimony, because they are damaging to the state by taking more than what they give. Senator Schrock said, ethanol produces more energy than it takes to produce ethanol. But ethanol is not generating enough revenue to pay its own way. They keep coming back for more, more, more. I wish Edgar Allan Poe's raven had said "nothing more" instead of "nevermore." But if you want to ask me when I will support a gas tax increase,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...quoth the raven, nevermore. I accept what he said about that. My amendment is one that I did not expect to be adopted. Earlier, the youngest member of the Legislature, probably tongue-in-cheek, referred to me as being collegial and accommodating. I never want to disappoint two categories of persons: women and young people. So in order not to disappoint my young colleague--and he's not even here to see it--in being collegial, Madam President, I'm going to withdraw my pending amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the committee amendments at this time, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So back to the discussion of committee amendments. Senator Stuthman, your light is next.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. First of all, in a lot of statements that I've made was, no more taxes, no more taxes. And I truly believe that. But when I'm looking at a fuel price that the majority or, well, everybody is paying of an increase, mainly because of either