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I'm going to support Senator Schmit in what he is trying to do. I don't think this committee is working as it should.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I agree with Senator Keyes as I so often do, I want to say right now I appreciate Senator Whitney's endorsement of this bill, and I appreciate his enlightenment, and I want to say this, that I have a hunch the reason Senator Whitney wants to support this bill is because he knows that I'm not pleased with the progress of the bill, and I'm willing to stand up here flat-footed and say so. He said that there was a lot of foolishness when it was introduced, I didn't think so, I don't think it is now, but I think if you have incompetent people, you'd lay the law down and you'd say you'd get competent people. I have a habit of following up on my bills and I don't like the progress of this bill, I should say the lack of progress. So I told the committee if you will conduct a search to find a different administrator, and I have no fault with the present administrator, but he is a farmer as I am and I frankly think we need a man who has more technical capabilities and for that reason I told the committee I would endorse additional funds and if Senator Syas objects to this I could come back in later on with another ten or fifteen thousand dollar supplemental appropriation, I'd be willing to raise this appropriation, but I want this committee to know that when I tell them that I will not go along with their attitude because it does not carry out the intent, that I had in mind when I introduced the bill, I want them to know that I mean business. I mean business now, and I mean to tell them that I will not support that appropriation because they have not at this time yet, made that honest attempt that I think is necessary to secure the kind of administrator who will carry out the program which I, Senator Lewis, Senator Orme, Senator Burbach had in mind when I introduced the bill. One of the things that is our fault in this legislature, is that we establish programs and we do not follow up on them. I intend to do so. Now there is going to be a scramble at the end of this month in so far as a shortage of funds to pay this administrator and its not my fault. I warned them last June, I warned them repeatedly in the summer time, I warned them in the fall, those warnings fell on deaf ears. I think it has been mentioned here that this idea is not original with me, but I think it's time that when we say something in this body, we've got the courage to back it up. I'm backing it up, if I'm voted down I've lost, but I'm telling you where I stand and why I'm doing it and I'm telling you know that I'm going to come back to you later on for more money for this group, but the money is going to be well spent or better spent I hope.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore and then Senator Stromer.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, fellow members, I recall back about fifty years ago, when we were spending money on this gas alcohol or grain alcohol proposition and over the fifty years, of course philosophically I never could see where we should be burning good food and making alcohol out of it. That's my philosophy, I think it's a sin to be burning food in our gas tanks, and but it, there has never been anything done, and I don't think there ever will be, because I think it's wrong, I think it's wrong for us to deplete our soil and burn good human food to make alcohol and put it into these automobiles to be burned, and to me its the whole program of agricultural products development committee in the last fifty years, it's been a great political tool sounds good but its never amounted to anything in the fifty years that I remember. That's when I was 10 years old.

SPEAKER: The Chair is about to call on Senator Stromer, but the Chair must apologize to the young page over in the, underneath the north balcony, she's been waiting patiently all morning and I forgot about this, I'm sorry to interupt this discussion but, we have two types of pens, desk pens for your desk in your office, so where you care to place them you can