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LB 570

SENATOR KEYES: Specifically, I do not have the statutes back in Washington, the resolutions, or anything that passed but I will tell you this that if Allen Beermann says we need it, I am not going to deny him and tell him that he don't.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? All those in favor then of introducing the Request #810 vote aye, opposed nay. This will require 30 votes. Have you all voted? Voting on Request #810, the Government Committee. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to introduce, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 570. Read title. (See page 485, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The next item under agenda item #5 is Request #805 by the Agriculture and Environment Committee. The Chair recognizes Chairman Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill would provide that the Department of Economic Development could enter into agreements with local subdivisions of government for the construction of a grain alcohol plant, provide for the payment of that plant through an increase in state gas tax and provide that when the plant is completed and paid for that it belongs to the State of Nebraska. I think we are all well aware of the situation that faces the state at the present time relative to the rapidly escalating cost of all kinds of fossil fuels. We have been a leader in this area for eight years. The Ag and Environment Committee recognizes that there have been a number of inducements provided by this Legislature for private industry to enter into the construction of a plant. Those inducements apparently have not been sufficient and we recognize this as a new approach but one which we think is justified and merits the consideration of the Legislature and the public at this time. I move for the introduction of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on Request #805. If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 30 votes. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to introduce.

PRESIDENT: Read the bill.