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recognized? The motion is first on the amendments to the Committee bill. Have you all voted? We're voting on the Committee amendments to LB 74. Have you all voted on the motion to adopt the Committee amendments? Okay, record the vote. Now the motion is to...

CLERK: Excuse me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: ...advance the bill as amended. Senator Koch, do you have a question on the bill as a whole?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, usually I'm not one to look at the fiscal impact, but this one I couldn't avoid. Could you explain the fiscal impact that they're trying to give us here, Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Koch, now that's a good question.

SENATOR KOCH: Is that because of increased costs of gasohol and a loss of revenue for road funds?

SENATOR DeCAMP: You want to know that, don't you?

SENATOR KOCH: Well I've been in this body quite a while, so I just had to ask that question once this session.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, the idea is that that gasohol used in motor vehicles would be competitive in price, in other words, cost the same as gasoline, no higher. However... however, the other element of the whole issue is, we have other legislation on the books that grants a certain subsidy... subsidy in effect to gasohol. So by using gasohol indirectly the subsidy comes into play. So I'm not sure that that's a legitimate fiscal impact on the bill itself. It addresses the overall issue, I think, of the subsidy and its effect. For example, we have cost right now in terms of money not getting in, or money not getting into roads from gasohol that they use in the state, and I think...I think that's something everybody should be aware of. But my amendment which says produced in Nebraska kind of addressed that problem in some detail because it eliminates the possibility of hauling alcohol in from somewhere else, and then giving subsidies there for this particular legislation. In other words, use in the Nebraska Department of Roads things.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, Senator DeCamp, I'm not trying to be an obstructionist.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, I know that.