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that the state might be investing money in a plant. I contend that today so long as we are at the mercy of the OPEC nations the state has an obligation, an obligation and a responsibility to try to protect the citizen from exorbitant energy cost.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, I hate to interrupt you but there are five minutes left and there are about seven people who want to talk.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very well, Mr. President, I will yield the rest of my time and hope that I can answer any questions that need to be answered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have a list; Senator Hefner, Kahle, Kelly, Carsten, DeCamp, Marsh and Keyes. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose my good friend, Senator Schmit, on this and the reason I do and first I want to make something perfectly clear. I am not against alcohol plants. I am not against the gasohol program but I think we need to go about it in a different way than putting a tax on gasoline for the construction of these plants. I think gas tax is needed in the support and construction of roads, of new roads and rebuilding roads and streets and bridges and that type of work. We know that in Nebraska that some of our highways, some of our county roads and some of the streets in our cities are in deplorable condition and we need all the money we can get from the gas tax to repair these. At the present time we are giving quite a tax break to gasohol. In the state we are exempting five cents a gallon on the first twenty million gallons sold and that could cost us approximately a million dollars in road building funds. Also we are exempting four cents a gallon on the federal level. I believe we have another bill appropriating money from the general fund for the construction of alcohol plants. I think this is the way that we need to go. If Senator Schmit is available I would like to ask him a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Who do you want to ask a question of?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, Senator Hefner wants to ask you a question.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Schmit, what do you figure it will