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to the Alcohol Plant Fund and that would only be necessary if and when after the plants are in operation they were not economically profitable and therefore we would have to draw upon that revenue but hopefully that will never occur. The language is a situation which puts the funds available if necessary but hopefully it will never be necessary.

SENATOR KEYES: Now if at some point in time it becomes necessary that we do go into this Highway Trust Fund, can we go retroactive on the penny gas tax or will it be in the future. By that I mean, Senator Schmit, if we still needed the money to build roads in Nebraska, possibly then we would have to increase the gas tax one penny but the bonds for the alcohol plant would never exceed the drain upon that highway fund of over one penny?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right, Senator. This only provides for one cent per gallon transfer and, of course, we are looking several years in the future so this Legislature will be in session several times I am sure before that would ever occur.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Schmit, that has been my biggest concern. You have answered the questions exactly as I would support so I will quit and somebody else can use my time.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I passed you out an article that I done some work on in the past. I just want to comment. This Mr. Schmit that I talked to back in Denver is no relative of our Senator. So there is no bearing in that direction but just a few things I want you to keep in mind. On our desks today we have paper laying here by the tons. Every ton of this paper laying on our desk will be thrown into scrap some day. This will make, a ton of this, as you know, will make seventy-five gallon of alcohol or methanol. Also the State of Nebraska today is wasting in the way of scrap, spending millions of dollars to bury, about fifty million gallons of methanol. This is wasted every year and how long can we continue to waste a product that we need so desperately. As we said so many times, we are buying foreign oil that is going down the drain. We don't have no return on this and I can't help and wonder why and how we can argue about something that we need so desperately and I hope that you take this into consideration, that this is something we need beyond any comparisons of doubt within my mind. I don't know where

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