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into war, we would need these things so fast it would make your head swim but I think we need to be taking a very serious look at this and developing programs that will be sensible and meet the demands in Nebraska. Remember, we were a pioneer in this field. We looked at it long before anybody else even heard of it. We proved in this state that it can be used. Some of us are using it now in our automobiles. I was talking to Senator Hefner yesterday and he said we have a shortage now not only of gasoline in some places but certainly of diesel fuel, and with the farming operations coming up, and in fact in operation now in the spring work, and diesels in automobiles that we use, we need to look at that, too. I am a strong supporter of LB 571 but I do think we need to have a little more study on it and quick study so that we can proceed in an orderly fashion and do the sound thing for the people of the State of Nebraska. I really think that the people in the state want this program a lot more than they want some other programs that we are studying presently that cost a lot of money and I really think that it doesn't matter whether you are a rural person or an urban person. You are looking at that price of fuel for the propulsion of your automobiles and your machinery. I support LB 571 and I hope we develop soon and on a sound basis. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate on the Schmit amendments to LB 571. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: About half of the time is up on this bill for today and the Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: That is what you get for not ceasing debate, you have got to listen to me talk. Justice. Poetic justice. Mr. Chairman, there seems to be some lack of decorum in here. Mr. President, I rise to support the Schmit amendments and the bill itself. I think there are three or four important things that need to be said and said very quickly and I will. First of all, we are going to have to address the energy problem, and if you talk to anybody today, Senator Schmit, taxes is not on their mind so much. Inflation is not on their minds, even though those two are very important. But there is a genuine concern and a genuine feeling of insecurity in this country in terms of our energy sources and I think that has to be addressed and I think this Legislature