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April in Nebraska. I guess, but getting back to this gasohol deal again, why do we want to finance it with gas tax and I would like to have Senator Schmit answer a few questions for me if he would.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, will you respond?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR HEFNER: How soon would this program be effective? I mean, when would we start charging the extra penny gas tax?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The bill will take effect as soon as the Governor signs the bill and it does not carry the emergency clause but otherwise it would take place ninety days after the session.

SENATOR HEFNER: Ninety days?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Ninety days after the Legislature adjourns?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, then I guess my next question is, how much money do you feel would be used out of this fund and when would this start?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Hefner, as I said earlier, hopefully we would never draw upon the fund. The money will not be transferred to the Alcohol Plant Fund until such time as there would be a need based upon the revenue bond requirements. At the present time, I really don't envision having any problems in that area. Hopefully we would never have to draw upon it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. Then I guess another question that I would just ask the body, where do we stand on LB 121? How come this bill wasn't raised out of committee? This would put two and a half million from the general fund money into five grants of a half a million dollars for five plants in the State of Nebraska. I believe that the Governor also proposed a million dollars in his budget for two plants and so the question is, why should we tax gasoline? Why don't we tax the grain that is going to be used in these plants? Another thing that I would like to ask, why should truckers, why should truckers