

over that drain. There is going to be new technology in the development of the distilling processes. We are aware of that. Senator DeCamp pointed out. The alcohol industry is a new industry. It cannot be compared at all with the petroleum industry. We know that there will be many many people who in the future will find that the alcohol industry may open up new vistas, new areas of development, new technology, provide new jobs, new sources of income, new sources of revenue for the entire state. I think that we have to recognize the fact that if we are going to do anything at all, there is going to be some risk involved. We recognize that. I have emphasized time after time that there is risk involved in this matter but I want to emphasize again that there is greater risk in doing nothing. It is interesting to me that eight years ago we were ridiculed, six years ago we were tolerated, four years ago there began to be some nationwide interest, two years ago that nationwide interest began to skyrocket, and at the present time, politicians on every level, but particularly the national level, are showing strong interest in gasohol. I think that this indicates that Nebraska was on the right track. There have been some questions raised as to the liability of the state and I would like to ask Senator DeCamp to comment, if he would, so that he can reassure those people who have some legitimate concerns in this area as to the liability of the state. Senator DeCamp, would you yield to a question please?

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, will you respond to questions of Senator Schmit's?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Sure, I would.

SENATOR SCHMIT: There has been some question relative to the liability of the state in the construction of these plants, Senator DeCamp. Would you respond to that question and then offer any other comments you might have in closing?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay. Senator, I will get to that about in the middle, but Senator Dworak properly raised a question, one that has been raised repeatedly. He said, gasohol, in other words, production of this alcohol is a energy consumptive thing. Now so we all understand what he is saying, he is telling us that it is going to take energy to produce this alcohol and he is correct. He is absolutely correct. Now that energy can be in the form of coal. It can be in the form of corncobs. It can be in the form of cornstalks. It can be in the form of oil shale, shale that has oil in it and you can just throw in an burn in your boiler to build