

plants, what happened? Exactly what we anticipated. The grants went to garbage people, almost anything you could name that had nothing to do with the program. If we don't do it this way, we don't believe it is going to get done. Let me just finish up by painting a picture for you. Let's imagine that tomorrow morning some Arab or some Israeli or some Ayatollah got a little panicky and he pushed the button somewhere and, by golly, there weren't oil wells over there. They were in smoke and we didn't have all that oil coming in. Where would be? In Nebraska we would be in as much trouble as anybody. Those center pivots wouldn't go around. Those trucks hauling grain wouldn't go down the road. We'd be in trouble but what if, what if, whether it is a serious depression in the future, a war, cut off on oil, whatever, what if we had alcohol plants all over this state and what if our grain production was at its maximum because, because the center pivot can run on alcohol, hundred percent, cars and trucks can run on alcohol, hundred percent. We have the ability to be totally independent, to produce unlimited quantities and instead of being prisoners of the Arabs, others would be, so to speak, beholden or prisoners or indebted to us. They would have to ask us for the food which we would have the ability to produce independent of anybody else's energy sources. So I urge you to adopt the amendment, give this a try. Senator Dworak and others have raised the most serious question. They said, what if it fails? It might just happen. It might just happen. We might discover tomorrow some new energy source that completely makes this obsolete, but when they tried something called the Panama Canal, they said, that is crazy. When a guy named Seward, when he was Secretary of State, decided to buy Alaska, they called it "Seward's Folly". It was one of the things that worked. I think that this is one of those things that has enough evidence that it will work or can work that we have to give it the try. Finally, why use gasoline taxes? Because there is no independents on energy. It is all related. Every activity of our life, our farming, our transportation, it is all related and so that is the most obvious means. It is an energy source. We tax it. We utilize it to develop other energy sources.

PRESIDENT: The question is, the adoption of the Schmit amendment to LB 571. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, to adopt Senator Schmit's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion carried. The Schmit amendment is adopted.