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competitor with the public sector in trying to develop the gasohol industry and I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I wholeheartedly support Senator Koch's amendment. The free enterprise system is the backbone of this country and I think even more so in Nebraska and competition is the name of the game and I think that that should be included, that one word along with local state subdivision, any way you want it, but let's include private industry. I think it is extremely important.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell. Senator Newell, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Schmit, do you want to be recognized now? Senator Schmit, do you want to be recognized on the Koch amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this body would be pleased to do, pardon me. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I understand there is a constitutional question with that amendment so I will withdraw it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: So ordered. Senator Schmit, do you wish to close? I am sorry. Let me recognize Senator Fowler first and then I will recognize you to close. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I ask I guess two questions of Senator Schmit as far as intent with the bill and I have got some questions as far as possible amendments to the bill. As I understand the bill, the gas tax increase will take effect immediately but the demands may not take place for the money for the Alcohol Fund for a year, two years or perhaps never, would that be true?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Fowler, that is true. Hopefully, there would never be any demand on the fund but the gas tax increase would take place ninety days after the close of the session following the first of the month.

SENATOR FOWLER: So, basically, then it is really as much a