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in support of Senator Schmit in his proposal. I just had a call from a large co-op yesterday and they said do something and do something fast. I know this isn't fast enough. They claim they will be out of fuel by May the 20th and I think by June the first you are going to have people coming out of the woodwork in desperation for the needs of fuel. When these farmers run out of fuel and they are half done planting you've never seen the likes. I think there probably will be ten times worse than the act they put on in Washington but if you picked up your World Herald this morning it says out here at O'Neill they got fourteen hundred diesel irrigation pumps that take six thousand gallons apiece and if you add up these figures you can imagine how many gallon of fuel this is going to amount to and if they are going to be out of fuel the first of June they ain't going to do much pumping and sometimes I am concerned they overpump. I think this year that I am even going to be standing in there supporting them to get some more fuel, but to cut this short I think we have got to quit being concerned about minor issues here. This is major and I hope you support this advancement of this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, I ask for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. The motion is ceasing debate. Shall debate cease? The motion before the house is to cease debate. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit. You are closing on your motion.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President. I will be very brief, Mr. President. I want to thank those persons who have stood in support of the motion to raise the bill. I want to point out again that I do not believe it will be necessary to utilize nearly the amount of money that is in the bill today at the present time, the two and a half million dollars. Senator Hefner has agreed to offer motions. I would just like to point out that the President is going to appoint the members of the National Alcohol Fuels Commission and we were concerned because we did not receive one of those loan plant guarantees for the State of Nebraska. I think