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LB 585

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, are you ready to take up your amendment to 585?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, I am.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I would like to have the Clerk read the amendment so that they understand what it does.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Keyes moves to return LB 585 to Select File for a specific amendment. His amendment is found on page 2014 of the Journal and would read as follows: (Read Keyes amendment.)

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of this amendment. This is \$1,000,000. I understand, according to the Department of Agriculture, that they are going to try in the State of Nebraska to build two plants and this will leave \$500,000, a grant. Now this will not be paid back. This is money that is coming directly out of the general fund to help insure that Nebraska gets an alcohol plant, at least one and possibly two. Coming down this morning I stopped to buy a tank full of gasoline from my brother-in-law and my neighbor called in to get some diesel fuel and he said he didn't have any. If you think the need today isn't here for another source of energy besides oil from Arabia, you are mistaken. We have hundreds of people across this state and across the nation we have them by the millions that are out of fuel and any time we can produce an energy that is reproductive in nature we should do so. This \$1,000,000 I want to tell you that the ...what made me think that we should really have this is and, Senator Warner, this is in line with what you have been talking about I guess, lately. When the Governor of this state stood up there and talked to us he said, my recommendation for agriculture and natural resource reflects an increased emphasis in this vital area. In the area of gasohol I am recommending \$1,000,000 for project grants. Now I know it was an oversight on his advisors, whoever advises him, it was an oversight on their part that they did not get the million in and I don't believe, Senator Warner, I don't believe we had it in your appropriation but I am asking that we put \$1,000,000 in this fund. Now this is different than the fund we are talking about on LB 121 or whatever it is where we are using the gas tax money to fund the gasohol plant. This is coming out of the general fund. I will support this. I'm not so sure that I will support taking it out of the highway fund. So