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SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, fellow Senators, I would like to ask Sam Cullan a question. Do you think that we should tell these two hundred stations that is selling it today that it isn't feasible? That the State of Kansas says it isn't feasible?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Merz, if there are two hundred stations using it in the State of Nebraska today perhaps we don't need to put government funds into construction of the plant ourselves. I'm not so concerned about the feasibility. I agree with Senator Vickers. If it is feasible private industry can do it and we don't have... (interruption.)

SENATOR MERZ: That is all I need to know and that is all I wanted to know. Thank you. Thank you. And, Senator Vickers, about this water situation, the east half of the state has plenty of water that we can waste on it. I've got millions and millions of gallons going by my place every day down there. There is plenty of water if we put them in the right place and the City of Omaha alone has \$10,000,000,000 of garbage that would make...I mean they have got enough garbage to make ten million gallons of alcohol right now, burying it, spending \$7,000,000 to bury it. A plant wouldn't cost them a tenth that much and the rest of the state has over another ten million gallon of it being wasted. We have got enough wood going to waste every year dying and rotting trees that will make another fifty million gallons of it and it will produce its own energy to make it. This is just total waste. Come over down into eastern Nebraska and I will show you this waste that is going on right now. This floors me when we have people producing it up in Minnesota, statements, bona fide statements says it don't cost over eighty cents a gallon to produce it up there and here we come up with some of these wild ideas of some of our universities who have never done anything but read a few wild books and tales. Never went out in the field and seen what is going to waste out here. I don't know. Run out of fuel once and see how important this whole matter is. I think we had better stop and look at this thing from a solid standpoint instead of a wild idea here. I never have said western Nebraska is wasting their waters. I think they should be more concerned to how they use it but I think when they run out of fuel we are going to be up a creek that is far more important than anything that we have ever faced in this state and what is a few million dollars in regard to this? We spent \$126,000,000 to run them through the

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