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SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes on his amendment.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay. The President of the United States less than two weeks ago while he was traveling through Iowa said we are going to have a multiple gasohol plants, alcohol plants in the State of Iowa. I don't know why he hasn't thought about putting some in Nebraska but I am sure that if the right people talk to him he will put them in Nebraska. The Governor of this state is in favor of putting alcohol plants. He said in his budget that he wants them. Our former Secretary of Agriculture of this state was for it and I believe Mickey Stewart is in favor of gasohol. I don't know. I can't quote for sure on it. Now Senator Warner was talking about 571. Well 571 is a little bit kind of out of line to take the gas tax money that is building roads and say, hey, we are going to use that for bonded indebtedness or appropriations to build a gasohol plant. If we are interested in building a gasohol plant let's do it right now. Let's appropriate this money in and, Senator Kahle, you go ahead because you know more about the program than I do.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you, Senator Keyes. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am sorry that Senator Schmit isn't here this morning because he is really the daddy of gasohol. I am really surprised at some of the statements that have been made. I came into Lincoln last night and I had a little trouble finding a gas station open and in California it is critical. We are talking about a \$1,000,000 and Senator Warner acts like that is going to really foul things up and I appreciate his efforts from the Appropriations Committee but can you imagine with the shortage of gasoline and the shortage of fuel we have now that the State of Nebraska that appropriates over \$600,000,000 a year for projects in the state can't find a \$1,000,000 to increase the supply of motor fuel? Senator Cullan talks about all the energy it is going to take and about the oil or the natural gas or whatever it is that it is going to take to make the gasohol. We don't need any of that. We are finally getting around now to making a study. I don't know why someone hadn't thought of it sooner but why in the world don't we build our gasohol plants or alcohol plants next to our power stations? When I spent a couple of years on the Environment Control Council one of the biggest problems we had was the fact they didn't know what to do with the hot water. It killed the fish and it made the river warm and some places the fish grew better but it was a big problem. So you have

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