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SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Marvel, you and I might disagree as to where the heat should be applied but I will worry about that after a while. I think I will go ahead with the amendment, Mr. President, and I would like to substitute this amendment because I do not believe it would be fair to ask this Legislature to appropriate that entire one million dollars at this point in time. In view of my discussions with Senator Warner I think it would not be in keeping with the spirit of this body so I will offer the amendment, the substitute amendment. Do you have it, Mr. Clerk?

PRESIDENT: All right, the substitute amendment then is... You are withdrawing your original motion?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is correct.

PRESIDENT: All right, so the motion is, the original motion is withdrawn and, Mr. Clerk, you do have the substitute amendment so we will proceed then on the basis of the substitute amendment, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as I indicated briefly to you earlier, this amendment is in substitution of the previous one which called for a one million dollar appropriation which was in line with what I believe to be Governor Thone's intention as to be placed in the alcohol development planning process for this session of the Legislature. At the present time there are no funds being allocated to that program except for those funds that are farmer contributed through the Ag Products Committee. This fund here as I have outlined, it will provide \$300,000 at the discretion of the Governor, to be dispersed only at the discretion of the Governor if he feels that several communities or any community should qualify under the provisions of LB 424 which was passed last year. You will recall that at that time this Legislature provided for direct grants of up to \$500,000 each to any community which indicated an interest and showed substantial possibility of constructing a grain alcohol plant. Four communities did show that kind of interest. They have expended a considerable amount of time and effort and in some instances, dollars, in an attempt to comply with the intent of LB 424. Now there are those who will stand on this floor today and will say alcohol, power alcohol is not feasible. Well let me tell you this. A year ago we told you there was going to be problems and there are. Five years ago we told you and we were right. Eight years ago we told you and we were right. Over the