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stand and be recognized at this time, those that are there, and welcome to your Legislature. Senator Venditte is here so we will now proceed then, Senator Schmit, with the roll call vote on the motion to return.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote found on page 2206 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 20 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 585 is returned. The Chair now recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the amendment. Any discussion? Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the motion?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, so that we make sure, first of all I would ask the Clerk to read the motion so we know exactly what we are voting on and then I would have some comments.

CLERK: (Read Schmit amendment found on pages 2205-2206 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in strong opposition to this proposal to cut funds from water projects and put the money into grants for gasohol and I think we have all heard a great deal of discussion about the merits or the demerits of gasohol but I think you have to ask yourself another question and that question is, do you want to put state money from the taxpayers of the State of Nebraska into a direct subsidy for gasohol and do you want to take money from water projects that we all agree we need very desperately, most of us agree we need very desperately, and put that money into gasohol and I think that you would not. I think that I operate from the premise that if gasohol is economical and if the engineering is there, then you do not need state funds to put into that project. When it is economical, when it is feasible from an engineering and economic point of view, then private industry can do it and they can do it without \$300,000 from the State of Nebraska. Now on the other hand we have long held the philosophy in the State of Nebraska nationally, that water projects are in the public interest and that we appropriate