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We have offered just about every possible incentive to the private economy to do this, and, quite frankly, as a practical matter those incentives if you want to add them up total today...total today more than it actually costs to produce a gallon of alcohol. Now what I am suggesting is at least with this proposal you would have the flexibility there so that if we say private enterprise isn't going to and Nebraska has already recognized it in the area of power, we have public power, the only state in the United States, maybe we will say, because we are so unique in our agricultural situation a gasohol program ideally suited maybe specifically to Nebraska is needed. This would then give the state the flexibility to address that problem. I urge you to support it. I, quite frankly, tell you that we are only about 29, 30, 31 votes for the proposal and two of those are absent, and I would hope...I would hope that a couple of you would give the benefit of the doubt and let the people of Nebraska reflect or give a reflection of their attitude on the subject of gasohol by a vote on it, which is what this would cause, and I would hope also that Senator Maresh would continue to work with us in the future as he has in the past on the subject of gasohol and be receptive, if indeed this does pass and is implemented by the people, to such concepts as eliminating the present program of subsidies, which are basically largely unregulated and could damage our road program ultimately, and maybe working up some kind of an excise tax system.

PRESIDENT: The question is the reconsideration of LB 637, having failed on Final Reading, to reconsider it for Final Reading. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. This will require 30 votes. Have you all voted? Yes, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this does require 30 votes?

PRESIDENT: That's right.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It's an issue important to a number of members of the Legislature. I think it would only be fair that we get everybody here, and....

PRESIDENT: All right. I think you are right.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ....initially take call-in votes, if that is possible, and if that doesn't work, try something else.

PRESIDENT: All right, you are calling for a Call of the House. Technically we are off of Final Reading, so you are