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SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz, do you want to speak to the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members of the body, I have been working on this same issue for quite some time now and I have come up with the conclusion that any time we give the Ag College out there any more money we are just throwing it to the wind. I have done everything I know to get them engaged in this or to get their feet off the ground and when they talk with the language that they are talking it makes me feel that they don't want to do anything. And this proposal they got can be done in three to six months. It don't take no three years for what little proposal they have got. Also, I have met with the Tech College out at Milford. They are going ahead. They have got two machines ordered from different companies to test this fuel, and I am sure in the next six months we are going to hear more results than what he has here from the University. Also, they are going to put on schools that everyone in the area can come and see through June and July. They are ready to go. They are out there producing alcohol. And according to Senator Vickers' proposal they won't be producing alcohol up here at this Ag College for another two years. And this is going out there. If we are going to put money...good money to good things, let's send it out to the Ag College...or to the Tech College. If Vickers is willing to fund that to the Tech College, I will support his amendment, but why put it in something that is going to take three years when we can do it in six months. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, you...question. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? Okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Do you wish to cease debate? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debates ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers to close on his amendment to 999. 999? Okay, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, first of all, as Senator Merz has suggested, the Tech Colleges are doing this. I would suggest to Senator Merz that the University of Nebraska is the nation's leader in the tractor testing facility. We are not talking