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about something that might take three years to get some results on, because they are going to be testing some of the facilities that are available on the market right now to use alcohol, alcohol injections. I would also suggest that as Senator Keyes indicated the major companies are, in fact, manufacturing facilities or testing facilities at the present time, but their thrust in the major companies is to put it in new equipment and not modify the old equipment that is already out there. They would like to sell the farmers a new tractor rather than to convert the one he has already got. What I am suggesting is that the University should be not reinventing the wheel, but be actively testing equipment as it does come along to make certain that the farmers of the State of Nebraska will be using equipment that will not damage their engines. Since the University is the leader in the tractor testing field, it seems logical to me that they should also be the leader in the nation in the testing of this equipment, whether it be additions to existing engines such as the M & W units that are available right now, as Senator Merz suggested, or whether it be something that is yet to come in the future. Now, obviously, they are going to be able to test alcohol usage at the present time, but they are going to be experimenting more with maybe not just peanut oil but soybean oil, corn oil and various other vegetable oils. This is a real possibility and this is not a tremendous amount of money but it seems to me that it is something that should be of vital interest to the people of this state.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the return of the Vickers amendment...return of the bill for the approval of the Vickers amendment to LB 999. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator Vickers. Have you all voted? Senator Vickers. Record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 18 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Do we have another amendment to the....

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, I have one from Senator Labeledz, but apparently she is excused for the time being. Senator Lewis now makes a motion, Mr. President, to return LB 999 to Select File for a specific amendment. Does it make any difference which one first, Senator? Okay. Would you like me to read it? (Read the Lewis amendment as found on page 1631 of the Legislative Journal.) That is offered by Senator Lewis, Mr. President.