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Many parts of the world are starving. Many parts of the world do not need starch. They need the protein and this would be one solution. I have suggested in this bill that the Nebraska Gasohol Committee would make an award of \$50,000 to the individual, institution, research organization, whatever you have that would develop an edible protein from the distillation byproduct. I think there is adequate precedence for what has been done here. We know many times in the past advances in science have been the result of awards or prizes granted to those scientists and those individuals who develop the product. We know we have a number of research organizations that are capable of doing this and I am sure that some of them would develop that process but I think that maybe the incentive of a prize, a \$50,000 prize that I have proposed here, would be perhaps more expeditious. I would suggest that if you have any questions I would be glad to answer them, otherwise I would hope that you would advance the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: A question of Senator Schmit. Why limit it to anyone residing in Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, the committee amendment, Senator, took that out and make it available to anyone outside the state.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, did you wish to close or was that your closing?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no closing, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question for Senator Schmit.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, will you respond, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will respond.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Schmit, in the pink fiscal note it said that the University of Nebraska would be required to test these and that each test would cost a thousand dollars. Is that correct.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is an estimate by the department, yes.