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developed privately and I have stated that position on the floor of the Legislature many, many times. But I do not believe that checkoff dollars ought to be used to construct gasohol plants, and one of the reasons is the current situation that we see today. If you look at today's newspapers or watch the news today, you see that we have an oil glut in the United States, an oil glut worldwide. The Libyans are furious because they can't sell the oil that they have today.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, you have one minute.

SENATOR CULLAN: And I guess that it's...I wonder, I have to question a little bit when those markets fluctuate so wildly whether it is wise of us to invest public dollars into that when private dollars are not being invested there today. If gasohol is fine, I think private money will take care of it and I don't think we need to put tax dollars into it. I would urge you to adopt the Warner motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to be recognized? We are almost finished with the time.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, it is certainly not my intention to run out of time. I just have a...as I look at the bill and perhaps maybe a question of Senator Schmit, it does include the wheat checkoff, corn checkoff and the milo checkoff, does it not? He nods yes. I have always been an advocate of checkoffs and I am sorry, I guess, that we don't have better markets today, but we may have a poorer market if we didn't have the checkoffs. But I have, as Senator Cullan has mentioned, some misgivings about using that money for...certainly for gasohol plants at the present time, and I guess I am kind of concerned about these. I look at the committee statement where we have Ed Schrock, for instance, of the Cornrowers testifying for it and I know or think he is against this very thing of using the money for gasohol production. And, of course, we have the farmers organizations that are against it, at least some of them. So I guess I would resist at least part of the bill and perhaps it should be amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we turn to LB 962.

CLERK: LB 962 introduced by Senator Schmit, Hefner, VonMinden. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 19th. It was referred to Ag and Environment. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I have no amendments on the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.