

apologize for a little bit of levity about the whips and chains and the like, but I'll take Senator DeCamp aside and explain it to him precisely how this is being handled. The truth of the matter is there have been losses to the gas tax. There genuinely have been and it is a product of sometimes I suppose that dealers pocket the money, but more likely than not, they simply are not able to collect from the filling station operators that buy the gas from them and there have been some losses and so we are figuring an alternate method of setting up a fund to cover those losses and that is all this amendment does. It simply conforms to another amendment that is exactly like it in the bill on special losses. I ask your support.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is the adoption of the Vard Johnson amendment. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Twenty-five votes required. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senators Chronister, Peterson, Conway, Hefner and DeCamp. (See amendment on page 1867 of the Journal.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chronister to present the bill (sic).

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and members, having capitulated to our esteemed speaker and others of the body, we are now offering the amendment to the bill rather than the committee amendments. In essence, the amendment is the very same. I realize the hour is late and we're going to give you a quick rundown on NUCOR. NUCOR employs 495 people. They have a payroll of about \$17 million a year. That means their employees average about \$34,000 a year. They're a very good employer. The people they look for, for unskilled jobs, NUCOR generally looks for a high school graduate, a stable work record and someone who will not be afraid of hard work. They found a fertile field here in