

guests of Senator Avery and Senator Withem. They are 10 fifth and sixth graders from the American Cancer Society's Smoke-Free Class 2,000 Winners from Omaha and their sponsor. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Senator McKenzie, you are next, followed by Senators Robinson, Wehrbein, Moore, and Bromm. Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I rise to support Senator Lynch's substitute motion, and wanted to clarify a couple, I think, maybe misconceptions about what we are talking about here in terms of national organizations. As I understand it, since 1981, the ethanol authority or gasohol committee have been involved in several national organizations that are involved in ethanol promotion. One is the Renewable Fuels Association; the other is Clean Fuels Development Council. These have been organizations that have worked actively to promote both ethanol as a clean fuel, and to make sure that policy in Washington accepted ethanol as an alternative in the Clean Air Act. Let me just close by saying I support this substitute motion and believe it does clarify the language, the problem about a certain amount of money, and would ask your support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, members, I support Senator Lynch's amendment. I agree that the second sentence is probably superfluous and not really necessary in there at this point. It leaves in the "may", that they may join, but doesn't mandate, doesn't mandate appropriating the money, so I support Senator Lynch's substitute amendment and thank Senator Moore for working with it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Madam Speaker or Madam Chairman and also colleagues, this amendment makes a lot of sense. I think we were tying ourselves into something that was too specific and could be interpreted probably erroneously and set a bad precedent, but I think this amendment takes care of that and I urge the body to consider the fact that ethanol and all that goes with it is a national effort. It has a lot of effect on Nebraska in terms of agriculture, and what ethanol production means to us, and I encourage the body to adopt this amendment and advance 364. Thank you.