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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 75. It's a bill by Senator Connealy relating to motor fuel. (Read title.) Bill was introduced in January, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. Offered yesterday, Mr. President. I believe the committee amendments were presented by Senator Schrock. I have pending an amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Chambers, FA154. (Legislative Journal page 1319.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, you like to take one minute, not to debate but just to fill us...just to update us a little bit on the bill, what it does?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. The bill is a requirement to offer ethanol at every station in the state at the lowest grade of octane. We had a bill last year that would have mandated ethanol in every grade of gasoline. This is not that bill. This is a requirement to offer. It would not exclude other grades of gasoline. We are on the committee amendments which would change the enacting date and that's where we are.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if I'm correct, I believe this amendment is the one that would change the date to 2003. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members of the Legislature, this is a bill that I do not like and I think I've made that clear. Yesterday, in the posterior portions of the day, our numbers were somewhat low, so those who were here will hear some repetition; those who were not will hear some things for the first time this year, but they heard these things last year; and all of you will hear considerable repetition because this bill must die in the same way that those horror movies would be titled "Dracula Must Die", "Frankenstein Must Die", "The Werewolf Must Die". If I had my choice of this bill or Dracula, Frankenstein and the Werewolf, all three would get a reprieve. This bill is worse than all of those monsters. Those monsters are acting in accord with their nature. This is a bill which is a perversion of the marketplace, a perversion of