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with just one storage tank. This is a compromise to allow, as we've had discussion, those one pump places that have one storage tank, that they are worried that this would be some hardship for those retailers out, specifically out in rural areas, as Senator Jones has discussed and the like. This would allow those storage tank facilities with only one storage tank to be exempt from this bill for a five-year period. We'd be able to look at that over the time...over time and evaluate whether it would be a hardship for them to switch to an ethanol-blended fuels. I would hope that they would go ahead and have ethanol-blended fuels in that one tank, but we are putting this amendment in to allow them out of the process for this, facilities with only one storage tank. And I urge your approval of this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Mr. Clerk, item on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Connealy's amendment. (FA162, Legislative Journal page 1379.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: To open on your amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that Senator Connealy is familiar with, and others are going to be familiar with it pretty quickly. And I think mine is far more reasonable than Senator Connealy's. What he wants to do is say, one storage tank is what the person would have in order to be exempt. I say strike "one storage tank" and insert "two storage tanks". If a person has only one storage tank, the person might sell diesel only or the person might sell regular only. And if you're going to compel that person to sell ethanol, that person is out of business. So what sense does it make to say that you exempt the person with only one tank if you have a greater practical problem, once you established the principle, for the person with two tanks. I'd like to ask Senator Connealy a question, and as he wends his way to his mike, I'm going to phrase the question. Senator Connealy, the question I'm going to ask is whether you think there are stations with...if there are more stations in Nebraska with one