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SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Connealy. You were very forthright, and that's all I have of you. And I want to congratulate Senator Schrock and Senator Connealy on their smashing victory. I think they showed great skill, they were great tacticians in achieving the adoption of the committee amendments. With Senator Connealy in front of me and Senator Schrock to the rear of me, I felt like a person, as I've said before, who is between a "Schrock" and a hard place, and I was really punished. I'm trying to recover from that. They got a committee amendment adopted that changed the date, and that is profound. That is the first step down this long trail which we are going to walk. But this is the point that I think is of even greater substance than that date. If a station owner, and I wish Senator Byars would listen because he tends to be a fair person, if a station owner has only two tanks and is selling diesel fuel and gasoline, that station owner can no longer sell gasoline. That station owner is compelled to stop selling gasoline and sell ethanol. This is destroying the choice, not only of the station owner, but of the public who in that area that is being served prefer regular gasoline. We keep being told by Senator Connealy and his band, and Senator Schrock who follows Senator Connealy and his band, that this bill is not a mandate, that it doesn't eliminate competition, that it only requires the offering of ethanol. If you require it, that is a mandate. If you are going to say you have two tanks and one of them must contain gasoline, even if the other contains diesel, you are taking regular off the market. You are taking away the station owner's right to choose to sell regular gasoline. That is unfair. That is un-American. Brothers and sisters, I believe if Joseph McCarthy was around here today, he would hail Senator Connealy before his Un-American Activities Committee and ask him, are you now or are you...have you ever been a communist? That's what he would ask Senator Connealy. And when Senator Connealy wanted to say, no, he would say then, how can you have such an un-American practice? Why, what you're doing, well, they pronounce it "cummunist", what you're doing is only what come "cummunist" would do. Up till now I've always thought of Senator Connealy as a person who believed in democracy. I thought he believed in democracy. I thought he believed in the