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SENATOR CHAMBERS: The gas grade known by the term, premium, on the pump can accommodate...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...ethanol? That's the question I'm asking. Is that true?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This bill does not require that premium gasoline contain ethanol, does it?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No, it does not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why does it not do that?

SENATOR CONNEALY: The original bill, LB 1234 last year, was more of a mandate that would mandate where gas...it had to be in every grade of gasoline. This bill would require to offer at the lowest octane we...for...because of the fact that we believe that we want octane buyers and price buyers to have this product available to them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Octane buyers and price buyers and ultimately Senator Byars buying this ethanol? True?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I...that will be good, too.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of this amendment because I believe that it's friendly to consumers by way of being considerate of the retail environment. And it's been interesting that the input that I have received from constituents and others, and basically, I rise in support of the free market. And it's interesting when this is being billed as a choice at the pump when it's a mandate