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consumer. There's more energy in it. It's 89 octane, not 87 octane, same price. Sure they're going to buy it. They look at that octane rating, say I can get more for my money when it's the same price. And if we can get the price of ethanol down just slightly more and decrease the price of ethanol blend, then you're going to see consumption go up more and more. My own experience in our store is that the last ten days we're selling about 40 percent ethanol, 60 percent no lead. The price has been the same. Last summer when ethanol was priced less than no lead, we sold 50 percent of each so price sensitive, no question about it. I did drive through Senator Schrock's district as I do every time I go home. In Holdrege, Casey's out west, same price for ethanol 89 octane as 87 octane; ag co-op, same price; Bosselman, same price; Texaco on the east edge of town, same price. The retailers have responded as they will. There's always lapse time in there when the price of fuels change that people have current inventories or fuel under contract that rather than sell it at a loss they may not adjust their retail prices on a daily basis, but they have. It's been about two weeks now that the price of ethanol has been the same price per gallon as 87 octane no lead. And out in my area, likewise, McCook, they're all priced the same. So that's the free market working. And as you see that price come together, your percentage of ethanol sales are going to increase. So I have to disagree with my good friend, Senator Chambers, on this bill. Ethanol is not an inferior product. In all honesty, it's superior. And it increases the octane rating and that's a measure of energy in it so I rise in opposition to these amendments. I think they create more mischief than they would try to solve. Also it's still a mandate. It only goes...it gives these small stations until I think it's 2006 to get in compliance so it's a mandate. It's just simply postponing the effective date. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. I, too, would like to disagree with my good friend, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, ethanol is a cleaner burning fuel. It does have valuable place in our