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service stations.

SENATOR JONES: He could still deliver the 87 out to my ranch.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR JONES: But I didn't think he could carry that without ethanol in the lowest grade at the station because he's bringing it from the station to my ranch.

SENATOR CONNEALY: If he has an 87, an 89, and an 89, then it would need to be in the 87. But if he's offering only...under your premise, he was only offering 89 as his lowest grade at the station, then that would be okay. What hopefully we'd do is offer an 87 octane with ethanol. That's what we're hoping to get at every station in the state. And it could mean that he would not have an 89 with ethanol, but I would argue that that 87 with ethanol would be just as high quality a product and you wouldn't be paying for octane you wouldn't need.

SENATOR JONES: If we got 87 with ethanol in every station across the state, my concern is are they going to be able to get 85, the substandard, to all them stations?

SENATOR CONNEALY: We had testimony at the Natural Resources Committee hearing that 85 octane was available, was easily transportable through the pipeline to Nebraska. That if the retailers were required, that they would supply the gasoline. Octane actually is a value so you'd be able to buy the 85 at...the retailers would be able to buy the 85 less expensively than 87 that they're currently buying.

SENATOR JONES: I got one more question. I got some small airplanes in my district, and they're allowed to burn the regular so they are using 87 now. So if they had 87 with ethanol, they cannot use it in the planes. So they would have to carry another tank for that then to service them then.

SENATOR CONNEALY: I would think that the 87 octane without ethanol would be available everywhere. Even if you have to have small tanks, you could do that.