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SENATOR JONES: Okay, thank you. I think the whole key to this whole thing is without mandating it is, is the pricing. If it's priced the same or less, it's going to sell because a lot of the people drive up to the pump and see it's 2 cents less, it will sell. So I think that's the key to the whole thing. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baker would move to bracket the bill until March 13, 2002.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, you're recognized to open on your bracket motion to LB 75.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. We've had a lot of debate on this and I think it's time we moved on. I don't know how much longer you senators want to spend on this, but this is going to decide I guess if you want to continue to talk on this. I haven't even started into a lot of my material so we can do that. I'd just mention Senator Chambers or Senator Connealy said that they had testimony at the committee hearing that they could provide this material, this 85 subgrade fuel in Nebraska and look at the committee statement. The only people that might have said that would have been Williams Energy Services. And as we've determined over the course of the debate, they're not a refiner, they're a pipeliner. They own a small interest in a refinery in Memphis and one, a small interest that they got as a result of a merger with MAPCO, another pipeline company I think in Georgia. So they're not the people you need to talk to about providing the product. They're a pipeline company and, you bet, they're going to say we can provide it to you. But they're the ones that are going to have to provide the additional facilities. And Williams Brothers...Williams Pipeline does not go into western Nebraska that I know of. It's KaNeb out there so they weren't present at the hearing. I've talked to them and they said, sure. Of course, that's the company that pipelines the fuel to the Sidney