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to move this bill and other bills to challenge me to see...

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** One minute.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** ...if I can endure for eight hours on all these bills that I've said I will. And I welcome the challenge; I've only got 29 more days to do it. Every day I have to teach my colleagues something who are not thinking. There are two levels we operate on, the number of hours on a bill, the number of days in the session. If we spend three hours on a day...of a day on a bill and other things, remember, a day has been burned off. How many days have we burned off with LB 75? This is all playing into my grand strategy. As I have said, the Legislative Chamber is a chess board, I am the grand master.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Debate on the motion to reconsider?  
Senator Connealy.

**SENATOR CONNEALY:** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to the reconsideration motion. This bill would not ban any gasolines in the state, would not eliminate regular grade gasoline in the state. Regular grade is 87 octane gasoline; it will be available everywhere. Some places it could be that it would just be ethanol blended, but most places it will be regular grade gasoline without and regular grade gasoline with ethanol. We had testimony in the hearing that it would be available, be deliverable through the pipelines. We had a study done by a firm out of Houston, Purvin Gertz, who showed that the 85 octane gasoline would be less expensive for the wholesalers than 87 octane gasoline. Octane has value. By buying 85 octane gasoline, putting it in our system, we'd have a lower cost gasoline, thus you put a Nebraska product with it and we'll have a lower cost for the consumers. But it doesn't eliminate regular gasoline without ethanol. Hopefully people will not use that as much as they do now; because it will be available with an ethanol blend, they will choose the better product, they'll choose the product that has Nebraska content. All your fuel now has very little Nebraska content; there's a little bit of oil produced here, but nothing refined here. This bill would move more ethanol within our system, would hopefully put an 85 octane regular blend with ethanol up to 87 everywhere