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continue to provide subsidies for technology development. And in the area of renewable energy...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...ethanol production we've made tremendous strides in the last 20 years in getting...in refining those technologies so that the price of ethanol continues to come down. How much longer that will take to refine it further I don't know. But it is worthwhile in the process of developing the technology to also at the same time acclimate the population to the idea that this technology is possible and that when it does become a little cheaper it is in fact not only possible but it works. I think more and more Nebraskans, because we subsidize these plants, because we're encouraging the use of ethanol throughout the state, more and more Nebraskans every year find out that ethanol works just fine in the automobiles and in the pickups and in all of our vehicles now...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and that's an important aspect of the subsidy process. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Thanks for being with us. Senator Dierks, on the bracket motion, followed by Senators Baker, Robak, Chambers and Hartnett. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I would, of course, oppose the bracket motion. I think we should go right ahead and deal with the issue. The...we've had an excellent discussion again, and I'm glad for the input from some of my colleagues. I think they've touched on some of the very important points that I have not. We need to consider one thing that we haven't talked a lot about and that is the fact that ethanol is the oxygen that you can use to cut down on the problems that gas producers face, petroleum producers face in their vehicle emissions. Now they've come up with a product called MTBE which does somewhat the same thing, but MTBE is a carcinogen, ethanol is not. Ethanol does not have