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Cargill plant at Blair. There was quite a long list of things that they're making, including plastics, biodegradable plastics, which I think have a great future; Minnesota Corn Processors and others. There's been other expansions. I think there is a bright future for ethanol in spite of some of the discussion on the floor. It's easier for me to take this bill, I realize it's got the A bill in it and that gives me pause, obviously. That will have to probably take it's place among the priorities that we have. But in terms of the mandating of the ethanol source, which is obviously no cost, but it does cause some pain, if you will, in terms of mandating what a customer does or does not want. I'd like to ask Senator Chambers a question and just one final question, and this, Senator Chambers, this puts you on...it definitely puts you on the spot. I mean, it gives me great pain and effort to do this. I know you do not want to reveal your true feelings on this...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm ready.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...but I would like to ask you a question in all seriousness, if we can lead to some solution to this problem. I know where we would go, and see what your answer would be. But if you would had to choose between each of these two ethanol bills, which would you rather have?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would rather have...you mean which one would I rather have to fight against?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, which one would you rather have in law?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that's like saying you give me strychnine in the left hand, hemlock in the right hand, and if I choose neither one of these I can take arsenic in the middle.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's exactly my intent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You give me an impossible...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. But, see, I have the solution. I take