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SENATOR CHAMBERS: If these credits could be set off against the taxes paid on ethanol-blended fuel and fuel not containing ethanol, if that...if that is the situation would you be in favor of changing that so they could apply only where ethanol blends are involved?

SENATOR DIERKS: You know, I just don't want to commit to that, Senator Chambers, until I understand all the workings of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Then I'll...I'll let you go on that. Members of the Legislature, do you see how much is involved that we ought to know that we don't know? Why do we not know? Because this is a bill that supposedly had been greased and nobody was going to ask questions; nobody was going to raise these kind of issues. I'm raising them to show that on a bill where we're going to give away taxpayers money not only do the rank and file of the legislators not have answers to crucial questions but the introducer of the bill doesn't. I would like to ask Senator Schrock a question or two, because he is on the bill as a cosponsor, I believe.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, for a question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, do you know whether these certificates can be used to offset taxes that would be paid on motor vehicle fuel other than ethanol blends?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I don't know the answer, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If they can be, would you be in favor of restricting their use only to fuels containing ethanol?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator, I'd have to take a look at that. I'm not sure I can answer that right now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it have an appeal, though?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, I'm...I'm intrigued.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And that's as far as I'll push it, because I want people to have the opportunity to get more