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it to pay for ethanol then that should be designated as such as another ethanol producing factor. And if we're trying to clear up the paperwork for the Department of Revenue, then that's something else also. But it seems quite complicated for all the more that it seems like we're trying to do with this thing, so I question whether...how much of this bill we actually really need. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. We've had some discussion. I'll go ahead and pull this amendment. I do think that this is more appropriately addressed in LB 1065, but I will pull this amendment at this time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, anything further? Back to the bill itself, advancement of LB 983 to E & R Initial. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I now would like to ask somebody exactly what this bill does. And I will...Senator Connealy, could you...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like to ask Senator Connealy to explain that, if he would. And you can take whatever time you need.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, I would. Once again, LB 983 is a proposal by the Motor Fuels Division to bring all the different sections of law together in one single motor fuels tax statute. That's why it's a 75-page bill to bring all...so when you look it up in the statutes you can find the motor vehicle law. Another simplification is the part where we make people pay tax on fuel and then they apply for a refund. That is for off-road or not used on the roadways, that is, on farms, motorboats, things like that. But it's also a growing amount on denaturing of gasoline at ethanol plants, denaturing of ethanol at ethanol plants. That's a large part of what we use there. It's said that they don't have to pay the tax anymore. Instead of paying