

also been indicated that it is desirable to have 3.1 in areas of high pollution.

SENATOR HEFNER: But, Senator Schmit, I believe that the amendment mandates that gasoline contain no more than 20 percent aromatic content and the bill that the U.S. Senate passed mandates that it does not have more than 30 percent by volume in 1992, and then 28 percent, 1993, and 20 percent by 1994. So it looks to me like, on the state level, we are trying to achieve that quite a little quicker, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right, Senator. We are trying to move into...we are trying to move ahead of the Senate because the Senate in Washington, as you know, comes under the powerful influence from the petroleum industry, and they are opting for time so as to give the industry more time to develop their reformulated gasolines, which, of course, then will retain for that industry a larger portion of the petroleum market. They are in no way at all amenable, I have been told in blunt language many times, to surrendering any portion of their market to any industry other than the petroleum industry.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I can hardly hear his answer. Mr. President, Mr. President...

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, just a moment, please, just a moment.

SENATOR HEFNER: I can hardly hear Senator Schmit's answer.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel) Thank you, Senator Hefner, and please, ladies and gentlemen, let's hold it down. I am sorry I didn't recognize you sooner, Senator Hefner, because I can't hear either.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, if you will please hold it down.

SENATOR HEFNER: I have one more question for Senator Schmit. Okay, as I under...does the Ethanol Board support this bill now with the amendment that we adopted the other day?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Ethanol Board is divided on the bill. I