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SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Smith, I wish you would address that a little bit more in detail. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please, followed by Senator Goodrich and Senator Schmit.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members.

PRESIDENT: Senator Elmer, a moment, (gavel). Please, let's hold it down. Senator Owen Elmer has a weak voice and we can't hear him, so please hold it down.

SENATOR ELMER: I can speak up pretty good if you want me to. Anyway, the main problem I had when I voted red on this bill is the requirement that we formulate our gasoline differently than anywhere else in the United States, and that is beginning in January 1st of 1992. The rest of the bill I can understand and support. Senator Schmit, would you work with me and the other portions of the petroleum industry and the agricultural industry in resolving this so that we can, before 1992, have an agreement on the formulation of the fuels?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Are you asking me, Senator?

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator, I will work with anyone. I have worked with my opponents on this bill for 20 years. I am not going to stop now, but I will not guarantee that we can be successful. I will, nonetheless, work with them.

SENATOR ELMER: I have...you know, I don't think that we can have a single state requiring a formulation different than the states surrounding us, and still have an adequate supply. This is the reason for my red vote, and if we can work out this portion prior to that 1992, I would go ahead and support this bill. And maybe, Senator Schmit, you could address this particular problem on what we could do when you speak next. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Were you asking the question now?

SENATOR ELMER: No.

PRESIDENT: No, okay. Senator Goodrich, please, followed by

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