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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why could that not be done?

SENATOR RAIKES: You...you have me lost. I can't explain that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will you think about this possibility and, see, that's just with 6 million gallons?

SENATOR RAIKES: I'll think of nothing else from now on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Now I'm not sure that I have ever weighed in on the ethanol issue. I don't produce corn or most of the time I don't. But I represent a district that produces a tremendous amount of corn. With the advent of center pivot irrigation, Holt County has become one of the leading corn producing counties in the state, so does Antelope County, and I have not heard from any of them, no one. No producer in my district has written to me or called me or asked me not to support this legislation. We are in a time now where there is a tremendous amount of duress on the part of all agriculture producers, and any support that we can give to those people that are growing corn or wheat or whatever else can be utilized in these plants, we need to do that. I can't...I can't stand here and not urge you to support Senator Stuhr's bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Schrock, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I've tried to understand this amendment and that portion of the bill, and I'm still at a loss as to really what all has taken place. Let's just review the ethanol industry a little bit in this state. There is a big plant at Blair, in Senator Connealy's district, it is owned by Cargill. They got a lot of producer credits. They produce a lot of alcohol. But, Senator Connealy, if you could briefly answer a question, what percent of the corn comes out of Iowa that's processed...