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years. You'll notice in the handout that I passed around, you probably don't recognize that person, but this article was reproduced from a newspaper in 1987. And I served as cochair of a national convoy of cars coming from 15 different states to converge in Denver to promote the use of ethanol. And that was just previous to January 1, 1988, when their oxygenated fuel mandate went into effect. And so when Senator Schrock talks about the importance of cleaning up the air, I think that's very significant because we have seen that in a number of the urban areas. Well, why did I become involved in this promotion of ethanol? As I say, I feel very strongly about it. Giving you just a little bit of background, and this is sort of a personal story, that most of you know I've been involved in an organization called Women Involved in Farm Economics. We had this national convoy in 1987, but it was in 1977 that a group of women from Montana traveled from Montana to Washington, D.C., in their cars, in their pickups and had just barrels of alcohol in the backs of their pickups and they literally poured that into their gas tanks and shook, and just kind of rode on the bumpers to shake it up and blended it. That was the first use of a blended fuel, and they made it all the way back to Washington, D.C. So we have worked very hard and for some of the many reasons that have already been said, but ethanol is good for the environment, particularly as we've been talking about improving water quality. MTBE has not...has been proven very detrimental. It is also good for our economy as we've talked about the processing means more domestic jobs. I believe there are indirectly about 24,000 jobs that are related to ethanol production. Also I'm going to share with you a little bit later about a by-product of ethanol that is also good for human consumption. Also I think one of the important things now we've seen with the rise in gas prices that we need to do all we can to become independent and more energy independent. And I think that with the promotion of ethanol this is certainly one way that we can do that. So I will continue to listen and support the concept of ethanol. I believe it is very good for our state and that this is something that we all need to work very hard on. It is not just one segment of the population. Our entire state is very dependent on the agricult...on agriculture for the economy of our state. So it has a very multiplying effect. And...