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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...have the clean air and more power to them. But I'm going to oppose any kind of a mandate and I'm going to support the bracket motion.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I've been chasing ethanol ghosts for 20 years and I've heard what mechanics say about it but no one can document it. Three states have offered a \$100 reward to people who can document that there's been damage to engines due to the use of ethanol, and so far nobody has ever collected. I believe the operator's manual you use is probably 13 years old. It applies to that vehicle. But I believe the ethanol formulated gasoline is maybe a little different now than it used to be because there's more attention paid to vapor pressures. And the fact of the matter is, vapor lock should not be a problem anymore with the way the gasoline is formulated whether used in the summertime, fall or whatever because we have standards. There are over 200 components in gasoline. Any of them can cause problems. But it's very convenient to blame it on ethanol. I don't like to necessarily talk about what takes place on my farm, but I was involved in the Corn Growers Association 20 years ago, and I decided if I was going to promote this product I had to use it. I've been using it on my farm exclusively for 20 years. The pickup I drive is ten years old, has 207,000 miles on it and these aren't highway miles, folks. These are running in pastures, up and down pivot rows, delivering seed or fuel to vehicles on the farm. This isn't 207,000 miles of problem. The pickup doesn't use any oil and it's never had any work done to the motor. Now that's just one example. I can give you a hundred examples of how we're doing on ethanol, but it does not damage engines. I have found it very interesting, excuse me, I don't know if it was two weeks or a week ago there was quite an article in the sports section of the Omaha World-Herald about this man who had an outboard motor that wasn't going to use ethanol. Well, just for the record, I fill my boat up at home when I go to the lake, it has ethanol in it. At least if there's a spill, it won't