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SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct, Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. And what about the state subsidies that are currently in place?

SENATOR SCHROCK: There are no state subsidies at the retail level. There is a producer subsidy which I believe expires January of next year.

SENATOR RAIKES: Those producer subsidies began when?

SENATOR SCHROCK: They began back in 1980...or '90...I can't tell you how long, but it's been in excess of 10 years.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, so we have had a longstanding subsidy at the state level for producers of ethanol.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. We also have an Ethanol Board in place at the state. Do you know how that's funded?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I do. Let me stop and think. But it's not coming to me right now. I'll find that out for you and get that information to you.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. But it is a part of the mission of that Ethanol Board to promote the use of ethanol. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. MTBE has been mentioned. Do you know, are we required now in the state to use MTBE in gasoline?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, we are not.

SENATOR RAIKES: We're not required so mandating ethanol or otherwise requiring the use of ethanol really wouldn't have much to do one way or the other with MTBE.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Probably not, but MTBE has been coming into