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don't just talk in general terms up here on the floor, and I embarrass their lobbyists and their top executives who think that they're going to come there and intimidate what they perceive to be a ragtag, bobtailed legislative committee in Nebraska, and they get their comeuppance from me. And I speak and try to work on behalf of those people who need help. This bill is not going to help those people. It's not going to help a producer get anything, not the little ones. It's going to help the Cargills. And it's going to crush...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...out those little stations. And Senator Bromm's amendment is not going to make the thing any better, but at least he shows concern about the station across the street from him. It's good that there's a station across the street from him, or he'd be joining all these other people saying, kill them off, they're too little to survive anyway. Well, I'm not in favor of Senator Connealy's amendment. It still contains a mandate but there is no penalty, and as Senator Raikes pointed out, I don't see him now, but I want to...oh, I see him...acknowledge the kind of questioning that he gave that usually I'm sharp enough to pick up on but I got lost this time. You don't have to put it in a tank. You could put it in a hermitically-sealed container and sell little vials of it, and you're in compliance with this bill, but it's not good under any circumstances. I'm against Senator Connealy's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schmitt, on the Connealy amendment.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. President, members. Again, I have some questions and one of the things I question, I guess, is I just off the phone with the State Fire Marshal's office and I believe maybe we're rushing into this too fast. There are tanks that were put in in the early nineties and prior that are not ethanol compatible. They are now experiencing some leaks in the piping of these because of the glue that was used. There's also some new tanks that was put in recently that have a vinyl liner and if this comes in contact with ethanol, it is deteriorating and causing some problems. That came straight from the fire marshal's office. Some other interesting facts. This