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see increases in their prices like corn did earlier in the year, adding to the profitability squeeze...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMITT: ...from ethanol producers. An increase in the cost of these products would keep the cost of cash corn prices from skyrocketing, helping producers maintain ethanol profitability. Carol Kime (phonetic), an agribusiness analyst and member of the Oxyfuel News Advisory Board suggested that the ethanol industry explore how the industry can promote the use of these co-products. Producers need to investigate further the options for increasing the markets and value of ethanol co-products. There is some work being done on projects such as distillers dried grain for human consumption, but more is still needed. The outlook for the future is positive because corn prices are expected to remain below \$3 per bushel, even though co-product pricing...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, Senator. Thank you, Senator Schmitt. We're discussing the Connealy amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1234. Those wishing to speak are Senators Kremer, Wehrbein, Jones, Beutler, Stuhr and Schmitt. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I've had my light on a couple of times, taken it off, and I don't know what I can add to what's already been said. We've heard information, misinformation and about everything else between. I think this would...debate would not even be here today if the product of ethanol was priced honestly. The station where I buy gas has been pricing it a penny lower for several years now, and the product of their choice is an ethanol blend by about 65 percent of the products being sold of the ethanol blend because it's priced right. I've checked almost every month to find out just what their costs of the ethanol were that was blended, and they could be selling it from a penny to sometimes two and three cents lower and still make the same profit, and