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this. Now,...

SENATOR CONNEALY: That's not...that's not the way I read it or intend it. The way we have it is that the lowest, at least that octane has to be offered at...with ethanol. You could...it doesn't preclude you from offering one without ethanol.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, yes. Well, I'm...somebody is going to have to clear me up on that, because that's the way I read it, it only can have the one, and it's got to have ethanol in it. But anyway, I'll talk to somebody else later. But anyway, I'm going to support Senator Chambers' amendment because it does change it to "may", and I think that that will really help my area a lot the way the...the...they've been calling me and complaining in my Sandhills area. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would again rise to oppose the Chambers amendment. Actually, it takes away the heart and soul of the bill. And if we don't require our service station operators to sell ethanol and just say "may", then we've done nothing and the bill has done nothing, and that isn't what we're trying to accomplish here today. We're trying to get ethanol made more available to the consumers and we're trying to get it made available at a competitive price, that's what this bill is all about. We're trying to use a product that's home grown, not a product that's imported. We're also trying to clean up the MTBE problem in this state and, of course, the Preister amendment has done that. So, from that standpoint, I do oppose the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Baker, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. I'm not sure we realize what we're getting ourselves into here. I'm trying to get some figures, and if anyone on the floor has them, I'd really like to know what the answer is here. On this blue sheet that was handed out, 62 percent of the stations now carry ethanol. I'm of the opinion, looking at this chart, that 33 percent is all that carries it in Valentine, which is, of