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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bromm...Senator Raikes, excuse me.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, I rise to support this amendment. It doesn't fix all the problems, as far as I'm concerned, but it helps some. And it's my view that there was a way for these retailers to avoid provid...in effect...effectively avoid providing ethanol anyway. And this allows it to be more direct, so I think that's an improvement and I support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Bromm, followed by Senator Vrtiska. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. And, Senator Chambers, when the amendment was filed and I changed the date, I gave some thought to doing just what you did. And I didn't know for sure what the receptiveness of that would be, and so that's why I went with a date that was sometime in the future but not real far in the future. And I...I'm really thinking that I would be inclined to support this amendment. It's not a large number of stations and I think that we could always come back in, if it were necessary, to make some modifications, and there would be a better chance perhaps that, if we were to impose this requirement on those very small stations, that we would find some way to provide some incentive or financial help or low-income...low interest loans or something to allow them to...to upgrade. And so I think...I think I will support the amendment, and I think this will help alleviate some of the opposition in Nebraska, particularly in outer Nebraska, to the bill. So I think it's a good amendment, I will support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Vrtiska, on the Chambers amendment, FA356.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I'm going to rise in support of the amendment because it took care of the problem that I addressed earlier about some of the very small stations who were having a difficult time in trying to determine what their future was; I think that takes care of that. And,