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except that if the retailer is selling at the location motor fuel that contains a renewable fuel content equal to or greater than three and one-half percent weight oxygen at 89 octane or higher. So, what that's doing is allowing those retailers that are currently selling ethanol, and I believe, as Senator Schrock has said, I agree 100 percent, this is a pricing problem actually. Ethanol at this time is cheaper, about 3 cents a gallon, than no-lead, wholesale price. This would allow those people who are already selling it, it's required of most of the major retailers to offer ethanol to the public, and this would allow them to continue to sell just as they are, if that's what they're doing now, 89 octane ethanol. It would not require them to drop the 89 octane ethanol back to 87. There's a reason that 85 octane gas is cheaper, it's not high energy, that's just all there is to it. And I think we'd be doing a tremendous disservice to the public if we demanded or mandated to the current stations selling ethanol at 89 octane if they had to change. It could be done. I would suggest that what most of them would do would sell an 87 octane ethanol and an 87 octane no lead. You're going to defeat your purpose if you do that. So, with that, I would be glad to answer any questions you might have on this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on AM3147 to the committee amendments to LB 1234. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Baker, if you can answer a question just to clarify this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes (sic), will...

SENATOR SCHROCK: You're saying that the stations that now offer the 89 octane can continue to offer an 89 octane and an 87 octane regular unleaded?

SENATOR BAKER: We on? Are we on now? Okay. Yes, it would allow them to continue as they are, Senator Schrock. And I think otherwise there's going to be all sorts of games played with this if you don't...I see no reason to upset the applecart. The people who are already offering ethanol, I think, are doing a good job. I know our ethanol sales, right now we have it