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SENATOR HILGERT: Okay, that's what I understand. Now, your amendment said that the lowest octane at the station, they have to have at least one pump that has whatever the lowest octane is, has to be ethanol. Is that correct?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, yes.

SENATOR HILGERT: So, if you have an unleaded that's 87 and you have an 89 ethanol right now, and then you have your premium, are you basically limiting now the choice to only the high-priced premium, which was almost the original bill?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No, what you're calling for is that lower octane "subgas" that you put the ethanol in so that it would be 87 also. If you only wanted to offer three gases and you wanted to offer one with no ethanol at the 87, then you...you may have to bump your medium grade gas. But what we're asking for is ethanol blended fuels to be put in the lowest octane, so...but it doesn't preclude you from having one without ethanol at that low octane at the same time.

SENATOR HILGERT: So, if you want to maintain your premium pump, which is "nonethanol" and it's a high octane, you want to maintain your unleaded...you could...and a medium, you could conceivably, even if you have three tanks in your station, be required to go to four, if you want to maintain that variety.

SENATOR CONNEALY: There's no required...and you could offer ethanol in two different blends also, or you could offer it in all three, but there's no requirement that you'd have to offer more fuels, other than you'd have to have your ethanol fuels in the lowest octane.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay, so the practical consideration is that your lowest octane is probably going to end up being ethanol, your medium grade is going to be nonethanol or ethanol, and then you'll have your premium. Is that right,...

SENATOR CONNEALY: That could be,...

SENATOR HILGERT: ...if you have three tanks?