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SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Connealy, is 85 octane ethanol coming into the state right now?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Not in the majority of the state. There's some in the western part of the state where the altitude is higher, but, no, not in the majority of the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much of the state would you say remains to be...to have 85 octane eth...?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Almost...almost...almost all of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now you're sure that this 85 octane is going to be available in Nebraska when this bill takes effect in all the locations where you would want ethanol mixed to bring the ethanol blend up to 87.

SENATOR CONNEALY: As Senator Schrock said before, you can't say 100 percent, but I believe that it will be. If it's not, then we can sell 89 with...with ethanol till we get it all through the whole state. I believe that the market will not present 85 until you require it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Connealy, the law does not say you can do that, does it?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, it does, it just is the lowest octane. You would not...you would not be able to sell an 87 octane if you had...if you had...it would drive you to have ethanol in your lowest blend, is all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if 85 never came into the state or those certain parts of the state which don't have it now, then the ethanol blend would be 89 octane, which is what it is now. Because you have to sell...offer some ethanol for sale.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, but it's not a premise that I accept. I believe that 85 will be offered.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm setting up the premise so that we can