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Senators Beutler, Connealy, Schrock, and Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would yield my time first to Senator Connealy then.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in opposition to the Jones amendment. With the amended form of the bill now, we have exempted two-tank stations. The current bill states that you can have another low-octane nonethanol fuel. The statement says nothing in this act shall be construed to impair or preclude a retailer from offering motor fuel without a renewable content which is equal to or greater than the lowest content which contains renewable fuel content. We can do it without this amendment. Because of the addition of the two-tank exemption, I think that this...that we do not need this for the stations that Senator Jones is worried about. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Connealy, your light is next. Did you wish to waive then? Senator Schrock, on the Jones amendment. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Jones, I'm going to vote against your amendment. I'm not quite sure what it does. I haven't seen a copy of it. But you're trying to exempt ethanol from gasoline 87 and under, and 89 and over? Is that what we're trying to do?

SENATOR JONES: Eighty-seven and below and 91 and above. It's not 89, 91. And it's...that's already in the bill, it's 91 and above.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Jones, what we're trying to do is get an octane level of ethanol that will compete at the market with regular unleaded, and your amendment would...would not allow that to happen. We want an 87 octane gasoline with ethanol to compete with the 87 octane regular unleaded. We think we can bring it in cheaper and the information we have this morning, we show you a map of the pipelines and a telephone conversation this morning with Jerry Higgins (phonetic), manager of quality