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for corn as broad as they can be, who's going to do it? If we in Nebraska can't think about renewable fuels and we've got the best air in the world and we want to keep it that way, who's going to do it? We in Nebraska need to think from a broader perspective. Senator Schrock talked yesterday about the next generation, 40 years from now. We need to think from a broader perspective. The Jones amendment begins to gut this bill to a point where we may as well not even do it. If this...if the Jones amendment passes, essentially this bill does nothing. We may as well take it off the table. So this, in my opinion, is a seminal amendment. If you vote for the Jones amendment the bill has been gutted to a point where there's really nothing left. Right now, any station that's got three tanks is probably offering ethanol anyway as the middle octane blend. I mean we all fill up our cars with gas and you can see that ethanol is offered at those stations with three tanks and four tanks. It's offered as the middle blend. If the Jones amendment passes we're at the status quo anyway. So I ask you to think very carefully about this amendment and the broader perspective, the broader picture, of how this particular bill and the broadening of corn markets can help farmers and help the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bruning. (Visitors introduced.) We're back to discussing the Jones amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1234. Senator Beutler, following by Senators Baker, Schrock, Schmitt, Chambers, Raikes, Dickey. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, if you believe in the purposes of this bill and, to me, the two most important purposes are the environmental effect and the encouragement of renewable energy, if you believe in those purposes then you cannot adopt the Jones amendment because, notwithstanding Senator Jones' assertion that it had to do with two-pump gas stations, it has nothing to do with them whatsoever. We've already taken care of the mom and pop operations. Senator Vrtiska, you remember we did that yesterday, so this amendment has nothing to do with that, but it does gut the bill. It takes out two key provisions, including the one requiring that they sell at the lowest octane rating sold by the retailer. If you take out those provisions, there's