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cookies. I meant they have the octane when you convert it to food. But we're talking about putting octane in fuel which will go in the tank of a vehicle. The way I've explained it may have been confusing. I have been repetitive trying to make clear what the amendment will do. What the amendment will say is that if a seller right now is dispensing 89 octane ethanol that seller may also sell unleaded regular at 87 octane. Those that are selling ethanol now won't have to change a thing, but the ones supporting this bill don't want it that way. They want everything. This amendment would make it possible for those entrepreneurs who are now selling ethanol as the mid grade, which Senator Bruning mentioned, unleaded regular at the low end and premium at the high end, could continue to do so. So the adoption of my amendment would render accurate Senator Bruning's earlier comments that there is a middle grade, which would be the ethanol blend. Senator "Slippery" in front of me...I mean Senator Connealy is going to say, well, that's not what we want; we don't want ethanol to be the middle blend, the middle grade; we want ethanol to displace...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...regular by require...doing it with the octane. But, as some of us have tried repeatedly to make clear, they are talking about price. They think by messing with the octane they can compel the retailer to price the ethanol that's sold lower than unleaded regular. They can't do that with this bill. But anyway that's the amendment and if you have questions I'm prepared to answer them.

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

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. I've got to start off by saying to Senator Schrock and all those corn growers, I belong to Corn Growers just like a lot of us others do. I'm 100 percent for the objective of this bill, there's no question about it. I want to increase ethanol production. But