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which do not permit predatory pricing or predatory practices. You go to court and you sue. As somebody who is a "no" vote, let me tell you, Matt, Ed, what a "yes" vote I could be. I could be a "yes" vote with the Preister amendment, the Beutler amendment, the Bromm amendment, and then say if you got three tanks sell ethanol. And if that's the bill, I'll vote for it. To the extent you're fighting over either the retailer's right to sell or the consumer's right to buy, by octane or price, I'm very uncomfortable. I think we're doing that to get some kind of strategic economic benefit, and if that's the case, that's where the marketplace is supposed to do that for you, and if the market isn't working because big oil companies are...are putting pressure on, then there is another mechanism and that's call the restraint of trade lawsuit. So I don't know much about this ethanol thing. I'd leave it to you guys who are experts and all the people who are, you know, who have much deeper expertise than I do. I'm going to vote for the free market generally, which was why I was against LB 1234, but I thought I'd tell...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...you as a "no" vote what...a bill that I could vote for--Preister amendment, Beutler amendment, Bromm amendment, and then if you got three tanks you got to sell ethanol of some kind in the state of Nebraska. I'd vote for that bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Dwite Pedersen, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. LB 1234 isn't a bill that I've weighed in on as far as the debate goes and the last two speakers said exactly some of the things I was going to say. The amendments that have been put on there are all good amendments, amendments that I agree with. This is not a bill I signed on to at the first because of the whole thing about mandates. There's questions I have...have had from the beginning and I know we talked about them yesterday but I'm...I think I'll ask them again today. But Senator Vrtiska said it. One of the things that concern me more than anything else is when these people came to me and Senator Schrock himself and said, well, you've been using...I told him I