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SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators, please report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator Landis, Senator Bohlike, Senator Bromm, please check in please. Senator Don Pederson, Senator Robak, Senator Hartnett, Senator Stuhr, Senator Hilgert, Senator Tyson, Senator Janssen, Jensen and Jones. Would you please check in, the house is under call. We're voting on ceasing debate on the Chambers amendment. I think call-ins have been authorized.

CLERK: Senator Brown voting yes, Senator Suttle voting yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Chambers, to close on...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock I think is the one who sit around...sent around this...a copy of this letter from Williams, the ones that are looking to bring this 85 octane into Nebraska. Every statement they make has a proviso and here...I am going to read the entire letter because it's brief. "Dear Senator Schrock: A question has come up on the ability of Williams to make deliveries of suboctane gasoline through its Nebraska terminals. Please be advised that we have the ability to make such deliveries provided the product is delivered to our system." So what they are telling you is if we get it, then we'll pass it on to you. There is no guarantee in-flow of this 85 octane product. Williams is the one that Senator Schrock is relying on. Williams, itself, is not set up in this state now to make that 85 octane available throughout this state. They cannot do that. Senator Schrock, by the way, did not say that. I'm saying, though, they cannot do it. They don't have the wherewithal. So you pass a bill that is a mandate without an exception. You must have ethanol in your lowest grade. You cannot, therefore, sell 87 octane regular because it has no ethanol. If you add the ethanol, it raises it to 89, and that becomes the lowest grade with an ethanol mixture, so all that you have on the