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can't see that we have realized anything for our subsidy. I believe that the objective was to obtain a cheaper fuel that could be used by motorists and to perhaps increase the market for a renewable product, corn and milo and maybe some other things could be made into ethanol. Well, maybe we've done a little bit on one side, maybe we have increased the market for corn and milo and other products, renewable products that can be made into ethanol, but we still haven't done anything for the driving public. We still haven't offered them a cheaper fuel and I've always understood that was part of the objective. This just says we're going to make this come full circle. If we've been able to do something for the growers of the products that go into making ethanol, that's good, but this law...this amendment simply says, well, now we're going to do something for the people that use the product. We're going to make sure, as sure as we can anyway, that they are offered a product at a lower price than they would otherwise pay. So they will be getting something back for the subsidies that have been granted to the industry. And I don't know how the wholesalers are going to work out that price discount amongst the folks who provide the base petroleum product and the ethanol producers. But it's my hope that they can work that out amongst themselves and would work that out amongst themselves because that's, I think, what we always intended in order to offer something at a lower price to a driving public. That's what I hope the amendment does. Somebody can probably read it and tell me it doesn't do what I'm anticipating it does but that's my intent, and so I hope you'll support the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We are on the Wickersham amendment, AM3152, to the committee amendments to LB 1234, and it's AM3152. Senator Schrock, on that amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Wickersham, if I may engage you in conversation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I haven't got a copy of your amendment yet. I haven't got it up on the screen here. You're saying that they have to price it 5 cents cheaper than regular unleaded.