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process. And, Senator Schrock, I hear you articulate that very clearly, it's just that I...before that you would run for cloture, I would hope that there would be a meaningful attempt to have some agreement here that would be able to carry us through. I'm not saying you got to adopt the amendments before a cloture vote, but I think you should have some agreement as to process and how we are going to proceed on. Senator Schrock, if I could ask you some, just some basic questions and part of this is normally we do this on, you know, under the balcony, but at this point in time, is there some agreements that could be reached here...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, will you yield?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...that you're aware of?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think there are agreements that can be reached. I'm afraid I'm doing most of the giving, but that's okay at this...we're at the 11th hour here. I...this is the second ethanol bill I've prioritized in my legislative life. And, you know, I would tell the opponents, and this isn't a threat, this is I'm not getting all I want here, that means that I look at options for next year. You know, if I was getting what I want, we wouldn't be back next year. That's kind of the sad part about it, but at some point in time, you quit drawing a line in the sand and you reach an agreement. And apparently I'm not holding the best hand right now.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Well...

SENATOR SCHROCK: But I do think the MTBE ban is important. I think that's good for ethanol. I do think that the clean water amendment that Senator Beutler had is important. So the study would...a study of the pricing of ethanol in this state is important. And I think that's...the pricing is the problem. We know that.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I would tend to agree. I think the pricing is a bigger problem and that all of our good intentions may well be taken down the drain because of some of the pricing issues and how that's done and what the practices are. And so that might be the third element of this, and I don't know how