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CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Jones, I now have AM3142, but I have a note you want to withdraw AM3412 (sic)?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I do, and I'd like to substitute AM3181. That's Senator Raikes' amendment. Permission from the body.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: There's...there's been a request for a substitution. Any objection? So ordered. Senator Jones, I assume you want to give your time opening to Senator Raikes?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I would. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on AM3181. (AM3181, Legislative Journal page 1438.)

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. This amendment, if adopted, would become the bill. This does three things. It adopts the...or includes the Beutler amendment dealing with water quality monitoring, which was adopted yesterday. It deals...or it includes the Preister amendment, which is a ban or restriction on MTBE, which was adopted yesterday. And the third component is the establishment of an Ethanol Pricing Task Force consisting of nine members, which would examine wholesale, retail pricing of ethanol and petroleum fuels, availability and other important issues. I hope this will be a vehicle that we can adopt and use to move forward on this important issue. With that, I'd like to yield the rest of my opening time to Senator Schrock.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the Raikes amendment has been agreed to...agreed upon by I think the parties concerned, should be noncontroversial. It does ban MTBE from coming into this state, except for trace amounts, and it does continue our water quality monitoring program, which was the Beutler amendment. I think that's a good amendment. We