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CLERK: Okay. That's just...that's the one I got today, just so you know. I know it's not your big one, but you don't want...okay. Senator Brown, AM3313. (Legislative Journal page 1616.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Brown. Are you authori...oh, here's Senator Brown. Senator Schrock, you had a comment?

SENATOR SCHROCK: The Clerk asked me if I wanted to withdraw AM3323. You sure you're not talking about AM3324, which I did not want to withdraw?

CLERK: No. I...that's after the Brown amendment, Senator.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay.

CLERK: Okay?

SENATOR SCHROCK: All right. All right.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Brown, AM3313, please.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, this amendment is based on language that Senator Chambers put in place when the ethanol legislation was first passed that required the labeling of the products that contained ethanol or methanol. And this amendment mirrors that, requiring the labeling of gasoline that contains aromatics, which are...aromatic hydrocarbons, which are by-products from the refining process that are then added back to gasoline. Some of the products that are included in this are benzene and toluene. Toluene is a very carcinogenic chemical. It is also a chemical that is known to cause genetic mutations. It's probably one of the chemicals most well known for causing genetic mutations. And we are currently...there are obviously aromatics that are included in the gasoline that's being sold in Nebraska. But by virtue of the amendment, the Preister amendment that we adopted about MTBE, it's very possible that we will start to see an increase in the amount of aromatics, these cancer causing agents that are added to the gasoline that's sold in Nebraska. And if that is the case, then I believe that we need to protect the citizens in the same way that Senator Chambers believed that we needed to protect the citizens in 1985