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only reason I ask, because Senator Brown told me she was going to pull it. When she gave her own presentation, she didn't say she was going to pull it. So I was going to remind Senator Schrock and Senator Beutler what we agreed on. And if she upsets the apple cart, everything goes. We're late in the session. I suffered a lot because of LB 1330, and I'm not going to suffer anything because of LB 1234. I'm going to make others suffer. Now, you all can talk to Senator Brown.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Preister on the Brown amendment.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, honorable President. I am not sure of the intent or the full intent of the amendment. I do have a concern. I appreciate the body adopting the ban on MTBEs that I proposed as an amendment on LB 1234. Since doing that, we have certainly gotten additional information. Some of that information would lead us to logically think that there perhaps would be other additives, oxygenates and aromatics, that would be added to gasoline. I don't claim to know all of the answers or all of the components of gasoline, or what those additives all do, nor what they all do to the environment once they get into it, intentionally or unintentionally, through spills or through vapor leaks. I do know that it's better to proceed with caution. I do hope, and I hope that members of the...excuse me, petroleum industry are listening, that I would expect that as we ban MTBEs, which I believe and still feel is the right thing to do in Nebraska, that we will not see other chemical additives increased or dumped into Nebraska, into our gasoline as a way of marketing or moving those. I'm of the mind that that isn't likely to happen, since we do use an oxygenate that we have labeled as ethanol in this state, and that we won't need to use those other aromatics and oxygenates. However, there could be the potential for bringing those into the state in gasoline and utilized in Nebraska. I hope that that's not the case. I hope that this amendment isn't even necessary. But I do believe that Senator Brown raises a very legitimate issue. And I for one do stand in concern for what could happen. And better to be forewarned and to be forearmed than not to have addressed the issue. Senator Brown, I thank you for bringing the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Brown