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on your amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first of all, I want to say that we are not talking about a ban. There's no way that these products could be totally banned anyway. As to the issue about whether these are serious and whether this is something that has just been invented, Dr. Eakman, who is with chemical engineering at the University, who is...has a long history of being involved in the gasoline industry, says that, yes, these are the products that make up aromatic hydrocarbons, they are added to gasoline, they very well may probably be added more often as a result of some of the things that we have done, and that these are very serious chemicals that are carcinogens and can cause genetic mutations. As to the issue about whether ethanol is the same...or, I mean, ethanol has similar problems, I would cite the California Environmental Policy Council, which awarded ethanol a clean bill of health, found that there were no air quality, water quality, or health problems associated with the use of ethanol as an oxygenate, in California's gasoline program. But in this instance, we are not talking about ethanol. We are talking about these other items, these other chemicals that may, as a result of what we've done, be added in greater amounts to our...to the gasoline that comes to Nebraska. And I believe it is something that we need to deal with. I think it's something that needs to be taken very seriously. And all my amendment is asking for is to look at letting the people know, in the same way that Senator Chambers felt that people needed to know about ethanol some 15 years ago. And with that, if there are no further lights on...are there any other?

SENATOR CUDABACK: No, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: I will pull the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is pulled. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have Senator Schrock, AM3324. Senator Schrock would, Mr. President, pursuant to its offering, move to suspend Rule 7, 3(d) to permit consideration of AM3324.