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**SPEAKER BROMM:** One minute.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** All of the discussion ultimately comes back to one point. Nebraska is obligated to provide payouts to these speculators, and they don't have the money, which means that they're going to have to dip into the General Fund, which even the LB 775 buccaneers don't get to do unless they are producers of ethanol. The "ethanolites" are worse than the LB 775 buccaneers, because they take three cuts at the public: LB 620, LB 775, and their own little scheme, scam. Mr. President I withdraw that motion.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Erdman, your light is next and last.

**SENATOR ERDMAN:** I would yield time to Senator Baker.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Senator Baker, you have almost five minutes.

**SENATOR BAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I won't take five minutes. I was hoping to get this amendment voted up or down here, and proceed to Senator Bourne's proposal. But since Senator Erdman did yield me his time, there are countries, Brazil for instance, that uses ethanol almost entirely for fueling their vehicles. It works. It's economic. When people say it doesn't, you get more...or it takes more energy to produce a gallon of ethanol than what exists in that ethanol, they're figuring the cost of production of the corn and diesel fuel that goes into planting and so on, et cetera. You can make this thing work to your advantage if you want to say that, but it's, in reality, it's not comparing apples to apples. I want...I do want to address Senator Bourne's issue rather than...and I'm obviously opposed to recommitting this to the committee. I see the problem coming with the language in there in Section...in page 9, that preference shall be given to a bidder residing in Nebraska when awarding any contract for construction, and so on, if comparable bids are submitted. "Preference" bothers me, "comparable bids." I also served on a school board and you don't always take the lowest bid, and if you don't, is that steam fitter or welder going to say, okay, I