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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...colleagues have tried to get a mandate in the statutes that only ethanol could be sold. So if it's such a great product, why does this kind of crack-brained legislation have to be put in place? Why do you have to force people to buy a bucket of gold for a quarter? The reason you do that is because what's in the bucket is not gold. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, in this case it's ethanol, but it's a...the demand is driven by price and we can demonstrate that time and again. As we lower the price on ethanol, which it has been lower than straight no-lead in our area for the last six or eight months, at least that long, our ethanol sales have gone twice of what our no-lead fuel sales are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What percentage of people in Nebraska use ethanol?

SENATOR BAKER: I don't know. I think when the price was lower, it's been around 50 percent, I believe, of our sales have been no-lead...ethanol-blended fuel last summer when it was...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time

SENATOR BAKER: ...priced 2 to 4 cents lower than no-lead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Baker, your light is on next.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to support Senator Chambers' amendment, and before my corn grower friends out there listening say what in the world is he doing now, this, Senator Chambers pointed this out very clearly, this is not binding language on the Legislature at all, probably doesn't belong in the statutes. So I'm not going to oppose his amendment. I think it's fine that we get this language out of there. I will expand on the issue though that we're talking about here. As more ethanol is produced in the state, we're obviously creating a market for the corn which benefits the corn