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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't use...I don't even know what the IMPLAN model is. I have no idea what that is. But let me see...go back to what I was giving as an example, and let's use a one dollar bill because it's easier for me to multiply \$1 by 49 than one nickel by 49, although since there are 20 nickels in a dollar and there are two twenties in 49, that would be \$2 which would take up 40 of the nickels. Then nine times five, it'd be \$2.45. Senator Aguilar's nickel by the time it gets to the last senator has now become somehow \$2.45. But there is not actually \$2.45 in the Chamber, there is still a nickel but it passed through the hands of 49...48 other people. And by your multiplier effect, you now fictionalize that to the point where a nickel has become \$2.45. And if somebody asks a Page to go down to the candy machine, you can't get anything for a nickel. But for the sake of the example, go buy a candy bar and that candy bar is purchased, that is a secondary benefit and the one selling the candy has now realized 5 cents from Senator Aguilar's original nickel. And if the candy seller takes that nickel and buys some gasoline, now the retailer of gasoline has gained a nickel. So now instead of 5 cents from Senator Aguilar, and \$2.45 in the Legislature, we now have \$2.55. That's preposterous. Did you say time, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I did not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay. The point I am trying to get to is this. With all of the talk of this money being generated through these multipliers, this IMPLAN model and whatever other shell game is used, with all of the talk by Senator Baker of the increased sales and profits generated by the sale of ethanol, you have not addressed the issue that I raised, which is that ethanol will never be able to stand on its own and not require these subsidies. There are heavy federal...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...subsidies of ethanol production also. Isn't that true, Senator Cunningham?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: There are some subsidies, yes.