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us in a deeper bind as the Legislature has to deliver on those pledges, we find out that there's conduct which very well may be criminal. And we have another bill pending before us to extort money from everybody who buys a gallon of gas, to support what may be criminal activities. I'm wondering if the syndicate might be somewhere behind all these ethanol plants. And it wouldn't surprise me. That, brothers and sisters, is not an allegation; that is speculation. I have never liked they system by which the Legislature gives away money to these ethanol plants. I have never liked the fact that these huge multinational corporations are the ones putting pressure on Congress to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...give huge subsidies to ethanol so that it's economically viable for them to be in the business. But then, when chuckleheaded Nebraska jumps into the picture, uninformed, spewing half-truths about the nature of ethanol and the so-called cleanliness of ethanol when it burns, and what it does for the environment, it lets you know that there's muscle behind the ethanol movement, and it is not a matter of providing a cleaner-burning fuel that is going to make this country independent of what is called foreign oil. My time is almost up, but my light is on, Mr. President, so I will stop for now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. If the McDowell nomination is referred back to committee and it emerges on the floor again, I'm going to talk against it. I'm going to criticize the system. And I want to remind my colleagues that it might play into my grand strategy. And if you read the rule book, you will see that there is no cloture on an issue of this sort. Now, can a nomination be amended? Who knows? Can the question be bracketed? I think so, but we'll find all that out. If that position that this lady holds with that company is a position in name only, the Legislature will have been tricked, tricked, double tricked. There is apparently no overseership of what is happening with these ethanol plants. I have listened