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questions, if I could, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: I'm more concerned about the underlying bill. And on page 55 of this green copy, is that wording in there set up to take gas tax money and fund the ethanol program? Is that what that's designed to do?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Under current law, you get a gas tax refund for off-road use. Part of that refund does not go back to you if you use your off-road gas for on-farm or for denaturing ethanol. Part of it is taken away and not given to you. It's given to fund the Ethanol Board. We're not going to do that anymore. We're going to give a tax exemption right away. You're not going to have to pay the tax and get it back. Instead of that, there's going to be a small, same amount of money, but a small amount of tax paid for the support of the Ethanol Board; same dollars, just a different way to collect it.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Again, where did this money go? You say there was this money was deducted before but it didn't go into the ethanol program?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Correct, Senator. Currently, off-road use for motors and for pickups on the ranch or for the majority is denaturing of ethanol for gasoline is not...is taxed and then you apply for a refund. When you get your refund, you don't get dollar for dollar back. There's a small portion of that retained and given to the Ethanol Authority. That's been in statute for years. This would change that so that you wouldn't have to pay in and get it back. It would change it so that it would be tax-exempt, but there would be a small tax, at the same amount of money, to support the Ethanol Board.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay, well, that tax...that's usually...you usually pay that in when you buy your gas out on the farm, don't you? And then you have to file to get your money back.