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SENATOR BAKER: ...other 35 percent is what Senator Louden is concerned with, it's paid by farmers, ranchers, who still have some gasoline-powered implements out there that buy gas tax...or gasoline with the gas tax on it and then file for the refund. They only provide 35 percent of the revenue. The other 65 percent is provided by the ethanol plants. They buy this fuel, tax paid, and blend it with the raw ethanol in order to spike it so that it is not consumable by humans. They spike it with 5 percent no-lead gasoline to keep it off the market, I guess, from people simply buying a 20-gallon jug of this stuff, taking it home with them. So they are the ones actually providing the bulk of the funding. And that 65 percent should go up considerably with the four new plants coming on line. I'm guessing it probably will be up around the 85 percent...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BAKER: ...mark. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of FA1668, Senator Landis. Senator Landis is not available. I'm sorry, he is. I'm sorry I did not see you in the back of the room.

SENATOR LANDIS: I call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on FA1668? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is, shall debate cease, FA1668? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on FA1668.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Foreign accent) Mr. President. (Laughter) I got some attention on that, didn't I? Well, I have an alter ego actually and I can keep him in check most of the time, but