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SENATOR CHAMBERS: They can do it. And I'm glad to see that Senator Wehrbein has offered a sensible amendment that can make it possible to let this bill move forward and do the good that it can do, once the committee amendments are adopted. I'm still listening. I see Brother Stuthman has his light on. Now I don't know if he's been influenced by Senator Louden in front of him and myself behind him. We'll just have to see. Sometimes you know a person can turn his head sideways and something will go in one ear and right out the other without pausing in between. We're going to see what happens in this case. Senator Stuthman is known to be a stout person in terms of his taking the proper position. But everybody might make a mistake. I'm going to see what Senator Stuthman does...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on this. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of amendment FA1669, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I did hand out a couple sheets. And I should correct the one that has my name on it. We are checking off .5 cent now. So the total checkoff for the state of Nebraska is .75 cents. Half goes to the Corn Utilization Development and Marketing Board...or .25 cent goes to the Corn Utilization and Marketing Board, and .5 goes to the ethanol fund. And I do repeat, we are the only state that has a tax on grain for ethanol production. Senator Chambers will not admit that ethanol is good. Fact of the matter, it is. It creates more energy than it utilizes, if you go all the way from production and irrigation clear on out to the end. It's good for the motoring public. It's good for the United States. We're not in Iraq necessarily because of...because we're there for...we enjoy being there; we're there's oil in the Middle East. I believe that. If it wasn't for the oil in the Middle East, we probably wouldn't be over there. And Senator Chambers, we're probably not going to soften your mind on this. But ethanol has been good for the state of Nebraska. Been good for the motoring public, it's been good for