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state, as a percentage. So we have to remember that.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: I want to make sure that ethanol development proceeds in an appropriate fashion, that we don't overcommit ourselves. But doubling that corn checkoff certainly, I think, is not only unfair, but I think inappropriate. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Smith. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. As the majority of you remember, I did talk on this mike for quite a few times yesterday. And I do not plan to make that quite as obvious today as I did yesterday. One of the things that I've been thinking about last night is, you know, the benefit of the clean air portion of it, that benefits all of Nebraska residents at here in the state. And I was thinking about, what is the real cost to the average person that drives 12,000 miles, which was emphasized yesterday by Senator Kremer as to how many dollars that would cost the average person with them 12,000 miles. And it came to about \$3.50, in that area. What really is \$3.50, when you think about it for a whole year? If the people would just recycle one aluminum can every day, would pay for the \$3.50. So I don't think that is a big burden on people. It would be a benefit if we recycled more aluminum cans. And I think that is kind of the emphasis that I'm trying to deal with today, is that there is a real value to the people for the Clean Air Act portion of it. And that is what I'm trying to bring up, is that, you know, it's really not that much of a burden. Although, as I have emphasized, you know, in prior times, that, you know, I do not want to see an increase in taxes. And this would be a slight increase in taxes to the average person. But as I emphasized, you know, the increase in fuel prices is a major part that people cannot control, and it is mainly because of supply. I realistically think we should have more ethanol, more non-dependent on foreign oil, so that we can utilize the crops that we raise, and then run that through the engines, so there would be more volume, more supply. Prices