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funding the best and most promising ideas, and that we're doing that not only for a two-year window, as we done under Senator Wehrbein's bill, but into the future, as we're trying to do with Senator Stuhr's proposal. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. On with discussion of the first portion of the divided committee amendment...or, Wehrbein amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will forever be opposed to ethanol, as long as it has to be subsidized. If it was such a great product, if there is such an increasing demand, the subsidies don't have to be there. It could stand on its own feet. But it cannot. I'd like to ask Senator Connealy a question or two, before he traipses off to wherever he traipses to when I take the mike. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you believe that ethanol is going to substantially reduce America's reliance on foreign oil? And by "foreign," I mean oil that comes from outside of this country.

SENATOR CONNEALY: I believe it's becoming a larger and larger part. I think that it's only part, though. I think that we also need to....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that's not my question, because I only have five minutes. Let's...

SENATOR CONNEALY: On its own, it won't be able to substantially replace. I think that it's part of the solution.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you disagree with my statement that it constitutes 3 percent of America's energy...?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR CONNEALY: That's correct.