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LB 90

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis. Senator Landis is not present. Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in support of ethanol funding. I did have a plant in my district at Davenport that OTEC tried to get started. So far, they've not been successful. There's a plant now...there's a group in Fairmont starting to talk about getting a plant together. So I see this as not only helping the people, the corn growers, and additionally, it's a renewable, usable, it's a consumable product. It isn't like a manufacturing company that comes into Nebraska and produces widgets that, once everybody buys a widget and they've got that widget, they don't buy it anymore. Ethanol is consumable. And "consumable" means it's a product, just like food or other necessities that we use...we utilize, and we have a continuing need for that. So that makes it different from other manufacturers that have been talked about under incentive programs. Because ethanol is a consumable product, the demand will only go up for it. And it also is a good additive for our fuel. So I do support ethanol. I support the incentives. And I would give time to Senator Bourne if he needs any more to talk about it. No, he waives that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm of a mind to go ahead and attack the ethanol program, as I've always done. I told Senator Wehrbein when we talked early in the session that I wasn't going to get too exercised about what he's trying to do with ethanol, because there was a checkoff component. He wasn't aware to what extent I was going to leave it alone. But I've left it alone. But if LB 90 is open for these kind of amendments, then it's going to be open for mine, too. And I'm going to go after those purveyors, Senator Connealy, those investors, who are the ones making the money hand over fist off ethanol. I'm getting more letters from Terry Moore, that incompetent so-called leader of the organized labor movement in Omaha, but he's a bigger sellout than was Quisling. Look that up: Quisling. He sold out in Norway to the Nazi fakir. He's worse than Benedict Arnold. Calling him Judas