

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 22, 2006 LB 968

will not warrant. It's easy to talk about weaning this country from dependence on foreign oil. What about all of these monster vehicles that continue to be produced? I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, not an actual number, but let's say that there are 1,000 locomotives in America, for the sake of this example. What percentage of those locomotives would you say are running on ethanol?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: None.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do they run on?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Diesel.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but I thought you were going to say steel rails. You'd a got me. But that's right, diesel. Now is diesel petroleum based?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What percentage of the fuel used by the trucking industry would you say is petroleum based?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I assume 100 percent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many ways of moving ethanol from one place to another are you aware of if we eliminate rail cars and trucks?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Transportation, you're talking? I guess there's...that's the sole source, (inaudible) pipeline.