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that we not only can produce food, but be able to produce energy for the future. And there is a national effort going on. I met a person just the other day, Friday, that is involved at 25x'25, which is 25 percent of our energy coming from renewable sources by the year 2025. And that will not all be ethanol. It will be biodiesel. It will be wind energy. It will be a lot of other things, too. But I think we must do that. This is part of that process, and so looking into the future, as I said, we know we disagree about the future many times, but that's the second part of the issue. If agriculture really does want to get away from farm programs and be more self-sustainable, I think renewable energy is going to be part of that. And I am happy that we've encouraged it in the past, and I think we're going to need to encourage it in the future. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The issue before the body is Chambers' amendment, FA617, to the first division of the divided committee amendments to LB 968. Further discussion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this mike must have been fueled by ethanol, but now we have some petroleum so we got the energy and the power. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Landis a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, why was not this ethanol component in this committee amendment when it came to us on the floor?

SENATOR LANDIS: We knew that there were several alterations that needed to be done and at the time that we did that, one of the things that we examined was whether or not there was sufficient interest for rural interests, generally, and it popped its head up at that point.