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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this buys the rural votes on this bill, just being blunt.

SENATOR LANDIS: It responds to rural needs. You may use whatever characterization you wish to. I would not endorse that language. I do think it met...for example, I have on more than one occasion been your ally on the ethanol fight. I think the subsidies are too generous. I think they should be fueled by checkoffs. There are many places where we've agreed, but this is a place where, across our differences on the committee, there was an agreement, generally speaking, that in this time of well-being this was an obligation to address, and that was part of our thinking as well.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So your duty today is to your committee. Mine still is to the principle that fueled me, so we probably will never see eye to eye on this issue, the ones before us today. I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question or two.

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

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, have you read where there are attempts to lower the standards for pollution created by ethanol plants; in other words,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so that they can pollute more, because it is very environmental unfriendly to produce ethanol?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they're trying to relax those standards. Isn't that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I have the article right here.