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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, it is being criticized and they are cutting it back. Maybe it's not all...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...done in yet.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's...yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I think they're still looking at it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Senator Wehrbein, you mentioned using switch grass. What are they going to do, get...create vehicles that have miniature furnaces and boilers and you feed the switch grass into the furnace, it generates heat which creates steam in the boiler and that's how these vehicles will run on switch grass?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, that's a whole other process with switch grass using enzymes, and they're researching those right now so that that can be...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...the fuel of the future.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Wehrbein, I'm sure you're aware of an ethanol plant that was being planned in Sioux City, Iowa, and the company had built that or promised to build that plant based on Union Pacific upgrading a spur that was needed to transport the increased corn that would be utilized, and UP said they're not going to do it. They're not going to spend the money to do it. Are you familiar with that situation?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, I'm not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay, then next time I'm recognized I will improve everybody's education, even those who support