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about that, too. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Jones, Raikes, Kremer, and Schrock.

**SENATOR REDFIELD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Preister addressed an issue and that is the environment. I think that our water quality is something that we have to be concerned about. Certainly we should be looking at whether we should allow MTBE products in this state and perhaps that's the direction this bill should be going. However, I will direct your attention, Senator Preister, to page 3 of the handout which I gave you talking about benzene. This is a letter I received from John Fogerty. Although I am writing to you as a private citizen, I do have experience in environmental hazards through my employment with the Department of Environmental Quality in the leaking underground storage tank section. I believe the bill has received such support as the press releases regarding MTBE and the current farm situation. While MTBE has not been determined to be a cancer causing substance, the results for benzene have already indicated that it does cause cancer. MTBE, from my knowledge, has not been identified as common at petroleum release sites. Benzene is present at most. Information recently available to employees where I work from Wisconsin indicate that there may be a problem with the greater co-solvency that ethanol has to water. Benzene lacks an affinity to easily mix with water. However, when mixed with ethanol, as in an ethanol blend, the study found that 10 percent ethanol will result in a 20 percent greater solubility for benzene when mixed with water. If we're concerned about our environment, I think we better be looking at the effect on our water supplies of this kind of benzene problem. Then, Senator Bruning, I'm glad you came back to the floor because, Senator Bruning, I listened very carefully to your litany of your car history and I recognize the fact that we have been driving cars in our family longer than you've been driving cars, period. And I didn't hear that you had kept anything very long. It sounded like you bought a car in high school, then you turned around when you went to college, that's probably two years later, then you turned around as a junior in college and bought another one so you're talking about a car that you had good experiences with for two years. I'm telling you from experience that I drive