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SENATOR STONEY: All right, thank you, Senator DeCamp. One other item and I think Senator Hefner touched on this in his closing comments, I am quite concerned that there seems to be no private sector interest or private sector involvement and I am wondering, Senator DeCamp, if you could, are you going to include that in your closing also? All right, thank you. One other question, can you tell me what the present cost of producing a gallon of gasohol is here in the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR DeCAMP: As far as producing a gallon of gasoline in the State of Nebraska, anything I give you is speculative. However, however, you have heard figures ranging from seventy cents from Senator Maresh up to, I don't know if it has been stated here, up to a buck and a quarter, buck fifteen. Now the best information I have been able to glean is that on a commercial basis in quantity with the technology as it is right now, with the technology as it is right now, you are talking maybe \$1.10 to \$1.15. So you immediately say, yes, but that is more than gasoline. Is it? Remember, we haven't addressed, when we talk about that \$1.10 or \$1.15, the additional things, by-products, so on and so forth. So I will deal with some of these in the closing also. In may be in fact the technology is already here when all aspects are put together that alcohol, alcohol may be able to be produced even cheaper than the gasoline pump gas right now, when all aspects are considered but it is something that finally ultimately has to be learned by building those plants, by taking that first step, by experimenting.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator DeCamp, before you leave there, can you advise what the present price of a gallon of gasohol is at the pump?

SENATOR DeCAMP: It is my informatin that it is about 82.5, 82.9 something like that, and, of course, that is in the same range as unleaded gasoline, within a couple of pennies I think.

SENATOR STONEY: And the present subsidy is five cents per gallon and we are asking for an additional one cent here?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes. What is our present subsidy, is it a nickel or four? It is five.

SENATOR STONEY: All right, thank you, Senator DeCamp. I will reserve any further comments and allow Senator DeCamp to address some of the questions that I have made.