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Governor Janklow played a big role in SD making possible our **big vision** of transforming SD's weak rural economy to a growing prosperous agribusiness state. A vision that lead the Governor and legislature to pass legislation to do just that. Unique from all other state incentive packages SD taxed its imported fuel products at the pipeline a single penny per gallon to be directed to ethanol plants. That was at first unconstitutional and impossible to do until I noticed suddenly it was constitutional.

After that point all slid on through.. I would guess that was the point Governor Janklow decided it was a challenge worth taking on.

Politics did play a big role also: There was an upcoming US senate race and a Governor's race with democrats unanimously supporting the legislation and republicans did not want the defeat of this big vision as baggage just before elections. Also shrewdly petroleum marketers reasoned since this is likely to pass: "Let's make it a full one cent tax at the pipeline (grew to two cents later) with it all going to petroleum marketers to clean up their station's old tankage sites etc. until an ethanol plant gets up and running. Their motivation up front was a scam they developed to make sure no ethanol plant was built in SD and keep the pipeline tax for themselves:

Enter Jeff Broin and purchased the bankrupt Scotland Plant planning to take advantage of the SD ethanol plant producer payment that was at least comparable to other state's incentives. The battles to maintain the incentives went on annually until Janklow was reelected again.

Janklow's working relationship with Jim Pufahl

Jim was a Milbank, SD farmer had built his own small farm based ethanol plant. Jim's engineering background, his crusty character and keen dry sense of humor caused Janklow to soon respect and invite him to his office(Jim described wood shed) for often times loud discussions. The discussions were loud enough and often enough that such discussions coming from the Governor's office were often jokingly referred to as : "Jim must be down visiting the Governor again". Jim brought a needed, credible, unique perspective to the debate and both Janklow and Jim loved the loud discussions. Jim was in his early seventies and was a dedicated, though somewhat reluctant, very influential 'missionary' lobbying for the ethanol incentives.