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SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. President and Mr. Speaker. I am trying to...I really wanted to speak to the Dierks amendment, but we are facing a bracket motion now so I'm trying to formulate a reason why I would bracket this, a vote to bracket this bill. I do live in Columbus, Nebraska, and I have an ethanol plant southeast of Columbus. It's Minnesota Corn Processors and everybody here should be aware of that. It is a farmer-owned company and they employ over 300 people from the Columbus plant, and about 2,000 Nebraska farmers are shareholders. It grinds about 230 bushels of corn each day, that's every day it grinds about 230,000 bushels of corn. So the impact on our farm economy is tremendous. It has invested \$371 million in its plant and has received less than \$36 million in ethanol credits. It received \$36 million in ethanol credits which is less than 10 percent of their investment. Forty percent of its output is ethanol; 52 percent is corn fructose; 8 percent is starch. And I believe Senator Kremer is a member of MCP so, could I please ask Senator Kremer a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Did you say Senator Kremer, Senator Robak?

SENATOR ROBAK: Senator Kremer, yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I will.

SENATOR ROBAK: Senator Kremer, are you a member of MCP?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, very small.

SENATOR ROBAK: But, you are a member?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes.

SENATOR ROBAK: And has the Columbus facility reached profitability yet at this time?

SENATOR KREMER: It was very profitable years ago, but in the last four or five years it has not been very profitable at all.