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bankruptcies and the "short steep" process that was to be used at the plant. In a normal corn wet mill, corn is steeped or soaked for 24 to 48 hours in order to separate the component parts of the kernel to produce ethanol. The proposed Sutherland plant utilized wet mill technology, but also included a short steep process that was designed to reduce the amount of steeping time to under 8 hours, thereby dramatically increasing the pace of production while reducing costs. It is undisputed that this short steep process has never been used on a commercial basis anywhere in the world. Because the Ethanol Authority would not invest in the project until the short steep process was proved, a pilot plant was constructed and the short steep process was tested on or about November 5, 1990. Both Roles and Shepherd testified that visual observation indicated that the process worked, although later laboratory test results were inconclusive. Shepherd testified that after viewing the results of the pilot plant test, Roles said he was satisfied that the process would work and told Shepherd to continue with the project without further testing. Roles denied making such statements. No laboratory results of the pilot test were ever provided to the Ethanol Authority. I will continue my roll...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...my reading further along in the discussion, but I want to call attention to a couple of points. These three people who started the ball rolling in Sutherland had had difficulties. One of them had had bankruptcy problems in Louisiana when his ethanol plant failed due to the termination of subsidies by the Louisiana Legislature. Another of these scoundrels had had some political scandal problems in Arizona, so the Ethanol Authority didn't want to get too deeply involved with him. But there will be more detail on that later. This I'm giving you to show the types of speculators who get involved in this activity. When you add ADM, one of whose top officials was indicted and convicted...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of criminal conduct adds to that. Mr. President, I will ask for a call of the house and if we