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Greeley, Colorado next. The Nebraska people working for this particular contractor Senator Bourne is familiar with, a lot of them, Nebraska-based addresses, are going to move out there and build that plant. So we're exporting some Nebraska labor to Colorado in this case. It is another ethanol plant. So I would be glad to answer any other questions. I appreciate all the patience people have had with this. And as I said, I wish there was one ethanol bill. But this is in preparation for LB 1065, which is a bill...my priority bill, which will be coming up hopefully next week, funding the four legitimate plants out there. And I am certainly...have opened myself to some criticism, because I have a couple of these plants that hope to qualify under the 100,000-gallon annual production quota and then take and sell these earned incentives to somebody to go ahead and use them and build the plant later, without really any foundation to say, yes, we have the \$46 million or \$50 million raised, here's the investors, we're ready to go, we just couldn't make the time frame. What they're trying to do is qualify for these incentives, take the qualified incentives that they think they're going to earn, and then peddle those, sell those, if you will, on the market to an investor, a group of investors, to go ahead and build the plant. I think the amendment, AM2713, tightens this up. I know there's still some issues within the Department of Environmental Quality they're working on as far as air quality construction permits. And this at least...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...is our best effort that I can make, and a group of people working with us, to tighten these standards up so that these companies, these plants have to...proposed plants, have to follow the intent of the Legislature. I certainly urge your support in adoption of AM2713. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Erdman and Kremer, on the Baker amendment, AM2713. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Baker, would you yield to a question or two?