

And then, secondly, you say, oh, yeah, after we have done that, we lock the door. We don't let anyone else get in. We do not allow anyone else to participate in the equity funding so they can even come in and get a toehold. I ask you, ladies and gentlemen, does that make sense? Is that what you call, fair, equitable, equal, proportionate? We've talked a lot about equity and proportionate justice on this floor. You have got a rip-off going. You got sold a bill of goods a year ago, and now you say because we were able to convince the majority of the Legislature to do this thing wrong last year, we have to continue it this year. There are at this time more than six applications pending before the Ethanol Authority Board for equity funding. Under those conditions, ladies and gentlemen, many of those entities have invested hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of dollars, on the premise that there would be equity funding. I spoke to one of those institutions two hours ago. He assured me production credit is fine, but he also said that the equity funding is important. They need investor funding, whether it be from the farmers directly, from the Ethanol Authority, or wherever it comes from. Ladies and gentlemen, his is a successful operation. It operates successfully in other states. You would tinker with that. You would destroy that. You would say to this group we...you cannot come to Nebraska. There are other senators on this floor who have been called in regard to the investment of this plant, and, ladies and gentlemen, if it takes everything I have, I will see to it that you do not adopt the Schrock amendment because it will destroy what I have worked for for 35 years and what hundreds of thousands of people in this state and this nation have worked for, an alternative source of energy that is good nationwide. I beg you not to adopt the Schrock amendment, and I would ask you to slowly and deliberately, and as calmly as possible give me a chance to offer my amendment because my amendment, not an uncomplicated one but not a complicated one, is a far better solution. The last thing you can do, ladies and gentlemen, is to lock in place the robbery, the rape, the rip-off of \$300,000 per month for an entity that does not produce new production, and then say, and we will not let anyone else get in the door. We ought to address all of those other issues, the ones raised by Senator Pirsch, the ones raised by Senator Warner. They need to be addressed. They need to be addressed in the same...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.