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couple of years in California and we need to keep them alive until that point and that's a good incentive. But the fact is, where are they going to sell the product if they increase production for the next two years if we don't "incent" people at the pump with a gas tax decrease for ethanol products in order to sell more of that product? So I think the committee amendment is the best solution for all people involved. I think it makes economic sense.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Further discussion, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham, is Senator Wickersham on the floor?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Yes, he is. Senator Wickersham, would you yield?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, let me pursue another bit of background information with you, and it's information that I'm frankly asking because I can't remember and I'm thinking perhaps it probably came up in committee hearings, but as far as production, production incentives are concerned, LB 775 isn't exactly like the ethanol program in the sense that it's not so much...it's not a subsidy based on so much production, necessarily, but rather geared to employment and capital investment. But, first of all, all of these ethanol plant organizations qualify for the LB 775 incentives, do they not?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I'm...I think they would if they meet the investment and employment criteria, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. And isn't it accurate that several of them are already taking advantage of LB 775?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, if you say that they are, I would believe you. I would have to look at a list and I can't answer that affirmatively. I just don't have that knowledge.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.