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federal environmental regulations in Dakota City here in Nebraska and in the South Sioux City plants. In other words, they misled our regulators. They lied to our regulators. You can do that and still get LB 775 benefits in this state. Tyson Foods, who, by the way, is the successor company for IBP, has been accused of providing false social security cards and other documents for illegal workers in their chicken plants, and that's happened in 15 plants in nine states. That's different, by the way, than the worker recruitment conspiracy, which I'll tell you about in a moment. In the IBP situation, the federal government filed a lawsuit over the Dakota City meat packing and tannery plant seeking \$241 million...

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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...in fines for emitting air pollutants from six uncovered waste lagoons, surrounding toxic level of ammonia into the Missouri River, despoiling the air and the water and the Missouri River. You can do that and still get LB 775 benefits, and that's what the meat packing industry has done. With respect to workers, a federal judge ordered IBP and Fresh Meats to pay current and former production line employees \$3.1 million because they didn't pay them the fees and monies that they were owed. Now, while that happened in Washington State, the plaintiffs' lawyer said it's...these problems are company-wide practices; that IBP faces significant exposure on the same grounds elsewhere where they do this business. In the Excel Corporation, which is the nation's fourth largest hog slaughterer, there the federal government found that the Excel Corporation underpaid 1,250 farmers by about \$1.8 million. It took place with respect to operations in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on the third component of the divided committee amendments to LB 608. Before we go to discussion, Speaker