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I think about that, and I think, if a company like that were under a cloud of possibly losing their tax credits, or having their tax credits recaptured, would they be so flagrant? Would they be so willing to thumb their nose at our officials who were attempting to enforce the laws? Or would that be an incentive for them to attempt to avoid violations, because the cost to them might be somewhat greater than a fine that is somewhat limited by law as to how much a fine can be? This might actually be a deterrent to continuing a pattern of flagrant or intentional violation of any of these areas of law. So with that, I will conclude my opening. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. You've heard the opening on AM0927 to the third component of the divided committee amendments, which known as FA1206 to LB 608. Open for discussion on that. The lights will remain on. And there's Senator Baker, followed by about 18 others. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Eighteen? Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I better use this time wisely if there's 18 following me. I'm wrestling with just what it is I want to do with this...the substituted amendment of Senator Bromm's. I understand what it does. I need to back up, though, as a committee member of the Revenue Committee. I tried to reinstate meatpacking industry into the bill in the committee, and didn't have the votes to do it. So this comes as no surprise, Senator Landis, that I speak saying I want to put these back in on the floor. So it disqualified two industries, meatpacking and casinos. And if we adopt this...the Bourne...the Bromm amendment, then it says now, the way it reads, we'll put meatpacking industry back into LB 775, subject to these additional stipulations of possibly losing their LB 775 credits. I guess my point is, they're already subject to fine from the DEQ if they're bad actors. And why double up on them? We typically draft language directed toward the bad actor. There are a lot of meatpacking industry people out there that are not bad actors. And to be honest with you, the Mayor of Lexington called me yesterday, and his conversation went something like this...and that's the home of IBP, there in Lexington. What in the world are you doing down there? Something like that. And just please leave us alone. We've absorbed the immigrant population. It's been a boon to