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granted, there's a lot of corn grown down here, but we've contributed for years in western Nebraska to the corn checkoff for various projects, ethanol plants in particular. We don't have any...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...ethanol plants out there other than Sutherland, that's never been a viable operating unit, so now we're getting them scattered around, one up at Plainview, one at Axtell, one at Lexington, one at Trenton, and the possibility, according to DED, DEQ and all the other people that there will be one at Ravenna and one at Central City. So that's six plants. Granted, it's tough for them to get financing those last two. There's going to be four built, but the last two are a little questionable, although I just was told by my seatmate here Central City is a go, so that's five. I haven't talked to anyone about the plant at Ravenna, but they are obviously right in the mix with their permitting process. So I think we better plan for working on this bill. To bracket, to me, is just absolutely irresponsible and I can see why farmers are in trouble, or why they are, if they can't see past this. We get six plants and the EPIC Fund is empty in December of 2004. We wouldn't have an opportunity to increase the checkoff until October of 2004, so it's broke.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BAKER: And you think you can bank on that?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the bracket motion of LB 479 until January 1, 2004. Senator Raikes, followed by Senator Beutler and eight others. Senator.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President. I would yield my time to Senator Landis, our esteemed Chair of the Revenue Committee, so that he can explain the committee amendment. (AM0852, Legislative Journal page 959.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.