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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, would you respond to a question from Senator Combs?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR COMBS: I was just wondering, because by law we are mandated, I'm looking at the handout with the number of ethanol plants that are on there, to fund these plants through the EPIC Fund. What are the...is the projected balance of projected incoming revenue compared to if we bracket it and vote for a higher checkoff at a later point in time, if it was till January?

SENATOR BAKER: That's something I was going to bring up. We can postpone this and then if we have six plants built we're going to have a three- or four-cent-a-bushel checkoff to catch up. (Inaudible) no, no, no. If you're \$10 million behind in, say, January of...or October of 2004, you could have a multi-cent checkoff here real easily to catch up. If...all my bill does is make the EPIC Fund whole if there are four plants built. If there's five or six, we're in deep in trouble. So you get...

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you.

SENATOR BAKER: ...you'd have a couple of cents anyway. You wouldn't have a half-cent increase. You might have a couple cents to get us caught back up.

SENATOR COMBS: I do have corn growers in my district who are in a lot of trouble and have asked me to not vote for this bill because they feel they can't afford the extra checkoff. However, I know that we have a responsibility also as legislators. Am I wrong in assuming that we could be taken to court if we don't have enough money in there to fund what we have already committed to?

SENATOR BAKER: I couldn't prejudge what the companies might do, but I'd tell you right now it's a written contract and I would suggest there would be all kinds of legal problems could crop