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facilities and any facility in which the construction takes place after June 30, 2004 deadline. The amendment also would strike obsolete provisions dealing with the expired credit programs and the ethanol pricing task force. It also would provide procedures for collecting excess production credits paid to ethanol producers and impose a new report recordkeeping requirements. Production incentive tax credits would not be transferred to a related party under the amendment. I have a section by section summary. Section 1 would amend Section 66-1330 to incorporate the new Section 2 in the Ethanol Development Act. Section 2 would be a new section stating that funds received by the Department of Revenue from the ethanol producer returning excess production credits are to be deposited in the EPIC Fund. Section 3 would amend 66-1333 to insert a new definition. Section 4 would amend Section 66-1344 to strike two subsections describing expired ethanol incentives. A new requirement is that the approval be documented annually instead of just initially. This section also would provide that the production must be measured over a 30-day period to prevent producers from meeting the June 30, 2004 deadline without being fully operational. It also defines new facility eligible for benefits under the act to exclude expansions of existing facilities and any facility where construction takes place after June 30, 2004 deadline. Changes to this section also prohibits transfer of a motor vehicle fuel tax credit between related parties as defined in Section 13...I mean Section 3. To qualify for credits under this section, the producer shall bid the construction project publicly. Preference is to be given to Nebraska resident bidder and to another bid for construction...and if another bid for construction is accepted, the producer is to demonstrate to the Department of Revenue that no responsible resident bid for the project is available. Finally, this section would provide procedures for assessing a deficiency for excess ethanol production credits, interest penalties and it would protest...it would also lay out for a protest of the department actions and a resolution of issues. These procedures are similar to the enforcement actions available to the department with regard to motor vehicle fuel taxes. Section 5 would amend 66-1344.01 to prohibit new contracts for incentives after the effective date of the act. Under the committee amendment, the excise would be suspended if