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SENATOR BAKER: Well, we have...I think there's with the two that were changed Friday or two new ones were submitted Friday, there's over 20 applications for EPIC funding. And, of course, it doesn't cost anything to apply so they threw their name in the hat and hoped they could find financing and get these things built. We had to make some assumptions here that there would be actually four plants qualify and we wanted to work under that assumption. And this bill tightens things up that would hopefully demonstrate our intent that we not fund programs that didn't have the actual plant constructed. Another issue that came up, and Senator Wehrbein and Kremer were all involved,...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...the reason we separated that into a new bill, Senator Beutler, is that it had not had a hearing. We did not feel it was appropriate to change the funding mechanism in this bill. We felt it more appropriate to have a separate bill, have a hearing on it, and let the public participate in the funding options that we proposed.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But it's the intent of this bill to limit those who qualify to four in number?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, realistically if they don't have the plant pretty well built now, they're not going to qualify under LB 536. And this is an attempt to clarifying what they have to do to qualify. There's four plants have changed their application with the Department of Revenue to indicate to them and us that they're going to apparently move a portable still in, produce 8,000 plus gallons of ethanol, call it good, they qualify, and then build the plant down the road someplace in the future.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Time has expired. Thank you, Senator Beutler. The Chair now recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am going to call this the earthworm bill at this point because I cannot make head nor tail of it. Maybe Senator