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that's going to be a separate bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Also I think Senator Bourne in his earlier debate talked about the number of people that it needs to construct the plant. After a plant is built in, say, Aurora or someplace, how many people are actually...how many full-time workers are at that particular plant?

SENATOR KREMER: A 30 to 40 million gallon plant usually employs between 35 and 40, somewhere in there, full-time people at the plant. But there are some offshoot companies that benefit, trucking and things like that. But the employees of the plant are somewhere between 35 and 40. The 30, it depends on the size of the plant. If it's...and most of them are right around 30 to 40 million gallon bracket.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Also, another, and this will be my last question, Senator Kremer. As I understand it from the testimony, that we're dealing with ethanol and so forth, it has an effect of corn prices within a 20-mile radius, and if I live 100 miles away, that has no effect on my corn price?

SENATOR KREMER: No, I would say that's probably not true. If...and I think I will use Adams County. I think Adams County has two ethanol plants and a couple big feedlots. They are a deficit county, corn deficit county. They use more than they produce. So say we ship corn to Japan, and then none of it could come out of Adams County, it's got to come from somewhere else. So it does have a ripple effect but maybe not quite to the extent within a radius of the plant. But it does have an effect all over the whole state really.

SENATOR HARTNETT: All of the state?

SENATOR KREMER: I can't...I don't think anybody can determine just how much but, you know, when you use the amount of corn that we do, it's got to have an effect.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Kremer.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The Chair