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grain or distills the grain, there's nothing in this language that would prevent them from using a specialized contractor to do that. And I have no problem with that. If you read this language, the exact problem that Senator Schrock is talking about is contemplated in this language. The ability for them, for the ethanol manufacturer, to use a specialized construction person or group or company is in this language. So to say that this would somehow slow them down I don't think is accurate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: I will tell you we have people in here, we have specialized steam fitters and welders, and when I say that they're not even letting Nebraska workers build these things, they won't even let them bid on painting these facilities. I don't think it's a specialized individual that's required to paint an ethanol plant. They won't let them move dirt. They won't even let them bid, and that's what I'm getting at. Senator Baker talks about the Department of Revenue and says that they don't want to be the determiner of whether or not they use Nebraska labor. Well, in my opinion, that's too bad. They are a government entity. They are here to respond to this Legislature. I don't care if they don't want to do this. They're looking, they're reviewing the applications for other things, whether they're producing enough ethanol, whether their permits are in order. This is part of their job. The Department of Revenue is the check, the stop, the backup to make sure that these plants have done what they said they're going to do. And we're talking about exposure to the state in the neighborhood of \$200 million to \$300 million. I think the Department of Revenue should be as involved as possible.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Connealy, on the Baker amendment.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Once again, we're burdened with success. This program has worked better than we even thought it would, and so we have to work on these problems. We have plants that want to be built right at the end of the cycle that we set up a couple years ago, so we have to set up the rules on how we end the program and how we