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SENATOR BOURNE: Sure.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Whose responsibility is that, and by what...by what criteria do they make that determination? I've served on school boards where you have to make a determination as to the lowest responsible bidder, and then you run into problems about who's responsible and who isn't.

SENATOR BOURNE: The producer would have to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that no comparable Nebraska-based contractor bid on the job, and by comparable it includes price, it includes expertise. It is the same way right now that the requester of LB 775 credits has to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that they've hired X number of people or invested X amount of dollars of capital to qualify for the credits, so it's really no different than the qualifications for LB 775.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you. I now have a question for Senator Baker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Baker, will you yield, please?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Perhaps you...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...oh, perhaps you heard my question to Senator Bourne about the deletion of the checkoff and the state funds, and my then question to him, how is this going to be paid for, and he said he's just repeating basically what you're proposing. So I'll ask you, how is this going to be paid for?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, we're not deleting the checkoff. The bill...the committee amendment raises the checkoff from half to three-quarters of a cent. We felt we couldn't fund the entire program with an increase of a quarter cent on corn and sorghum, so we had to bring in some other funding mechanisms, the committee that worked on this, and we felt it better to have a