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SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...Mr. President, members. This is the amendment that we discussed extensively yesterday, and I'll just go through exactly what it does. As you remember, we voted down Senator Baker's amendment to the committee amendment, which, his amendment struck Sections...the new material in Sections 7 and 8. And the new material in Section 7 was an additional checkoff on corn or grain sorghum. Now, it retains...or his amendment and my amendment, for that matter, retains the original checkoff that's currently in statute. But it just doesn't assess a new checkoff on corn or grain sorghum. And the amendment also strikes the language found in Section 8, which talks about new General Fund appropriations. But the difference between Senator Baker's amendment from yesterday that we voted down and my amendment this morning is that my amendment contains the language that protects Nebraska workers. And if you look at the committee amendment, that language is found on page 9, lines 7 through 24. And just to reiterate, this amendment does not require any producer or plant builder to use Nebraska labor. It simply says that an ethanol producer must provide public notice for bids before entering into any contract for the construction of a new ethanol facility. And as we talked about yesterday, what's going on in the industry is, while there might be public notice of a request for a permit, there is no public notice required now or...and largely, that is not even done by the ethanol producer, that lets Nebraska-based contractors know that even an opportunity to do some work exists. So this says they have to provide public notice. And then it talks about, preference shall be given to a bidder residing in Nebraska when awarding any contract for construction of a new ethanol facility if comparable bids are submitted. Again, this does not say that you will always award the contract to Nebraska construction companies. It simply says that if comparable bids are submitted, you have to look to the Nebraska people. And a comparable bid would include...if, say, for example, there's a highly specialized area of construction of these plants, there's nothing in here that requires an ethanol plant to use a