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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you respond?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: I'm sorry, I haven't really got a chance to read your amendment, so I guess I'll just ask you here on the floor a little bit about it. And it simply states that you must offer the contracts to Nebraska companies?

SENATOR BOURNE: It does not say that.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. I mean, ...okay, what does it not say?

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, again, it...

SENATOR KREMER: You have to advertise and give them an opportunity to bid. Is that...?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes. The producer of the plant...

SENATOR KREMER: Right.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...provides public notice for bids before entering into any contract for the construction of a new ethanol facility.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: And again, Senator Kremer, what's going on now is, these ethanol plant manufacturers come in from out of state, they already have their contractors from out of state that build these plants; the Nebraska people don't even have an opportunity to bid on these.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, I understand. And I...when I stated that, I didn't state it correctly, because I didn't mean you had to offer the contract, but you had to offer the ability to bid on it. Is there any penalty if some...if they do not do that? I didn't read that in there.