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they've done time after time. And I know some of the people working on the plant out in my district, this is their third plant within 100 miles, and so they know what they're doing, they've had no problems before. So I want to make sure that it's in the record that comparable bid is not going to be just a monetary situation. We've all been involved in boards and things, and we've taken bids, public boards that have had to take bids. And I for one have been a person who did not think we should take the lowest bidder, whether it's...whatever, a paint contract or something. We might not take that because of prior history with working with this contractor. So I wanted to make sure that we get it in record that a comparable bid is going to involve a whole lot of other issues besides the price. And I can't fault Senator Bourne for what he's trying to do. But I just...I hope it doesn't come back to haunt us. But I think if we get enough intent into the debate here that perhaps that would discourage a low bidder who's never been involved in an ethanol plant construction project to not go ahead and file a lawsuit, as Senator Schrock is concerned, but to understand that because of these prior construction projects, they're a known quantity, and the job quality is there, and so on. So with that, I will return the rest of my time to the floor...or to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Vrtiska, on the Bourne amendment to AM0852.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to ask Senator Bourne a question, if I might.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you respond to a question from Senator Vrtiska?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Bourne, I listened to the debate yesterday, and became rather intrigued about some of the discussion. And one of the things that I noticed, there was a lot of discussion about a company being able to perform the job and get it done on time. Now, I don't know anything about these contracts with building ethanol plants, but I do know a lot