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present time, people have to have an application...have to have an application for a facility if they're going to emit, but there is no fee. There is an annual fee, but there is no application fee. So this is a new program. And an example of large emitters in the state of Nebraska would be Cargill; OPPD; NPPD; Nucor Steel; High Plains ethanol; Ash Grove Cement; Eaton Corporation, Kearney; Chief Ethanol; Tyson Foods in Dakota City; and ADM in Columbus. Those are examples. Now, these companies would be not...would not be paying a fee, because they are already constructed. But if a new company of this type was to build or construct, they would have to pay \$3,000 for an application fee. An example of some medium-size emitters would be Cornhusker Energy ethanol, Husker ethanol, KAAPA Ethanol, Excel Corporation, West Pharmaceutical, and Nebraska Energy in Aurora. So those would be examples of medium emitters. Small emitters, the best example we have of that is a portable asphalt plants, or veterinarian clinic incinerator. So if you are constructing a new facility that needs an application with DEQ because you are going to be emitting, you will have to pay this fee, and the money will be used by the Department of Environmental Quality to partially offset the cost of processing these application fees. I hope that is a adequate explanation. When you hear a bill that's a year...when you've had a hearing on a bill that's a year old, sometimes your memory fails you a little bit. The amendment is simply changing the operative date to January 1, 2005, instead of January 1, 2004, and of course we can't do that because that date has already passed. I would be glad...more than happy to try to answer questions.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk, are there amendments to the bill?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schrock would move to amend with AM2218. (Legislative Journal page 267.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Schrock, recognized to open on the amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President, members of the body, the amendment simply changes the application date or the operative date from January 1, 2004, to January 1, 2005.