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definition of alcohol, ethyl alcohol, and its purity and so on. And that analysis has to be prepared by an independent laboratory meeting the International Organization for Standardization standard ISO/IEC, and a group of numbers there. So we think by doing that, we're not going to allow them to come in, set up a still, tell us they have ethanol in the tank, they qualify. No, if they're going to do that, they have to have quality standards set, have the ethanol tested. They have to provide ten days' prior notice to the Department of Environmental Quality to go observe the production. And also, in those contracts now with DEQ, they have to have that portable still--I'm calling it a portable still--they have to have that become a permanent part of the plant. That is the amendment. I'd be glad to answer any questions. We think we have this defined and tightened up as best we can. We are obviously addressing the concern the Attorney General's Opinion issued, as far as modification of prior contracts. We don't see any problem with that in AM2713. I would be glad to answer any questions at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on AM2713, offered by Senator Baker to LB 479. Open for discussion. Senator Bourne, Senator Chambers, Senator Erdman, Senator Cunningham. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Baker, I appreciate the work that you've done on this...in this whole area, both in LB 479 and in LB 1065, which you've prioritized. And to a certain extent, you know, we've, in my mind, kind of are shutting the door after the horse has left the barn, so to speak, and we're trying to fix things that we really should have fixed in LB 536. At least that's my opinion. We're trying to make tighter legislation that, in my opinion, was fairly loose when we passed it. My question is this. And it's interesting. As you get involved in this ethanol situation and get more aware and read more and more, you know, it's like...at least for me, I've changed directions several times. And originally, what I wanted to do was stop the portable...what I call the stills on wheels, from coming in here, kind of circumventing the statute and qualifying for the credits. And I've talked with Senator Baker--although I was not involved at