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many plants actually produce less than 15 million gallons, how many plants will actually get credits under the LB 536 program, what exactly this language means. And maybe we should just adjourn for the day or...I don't know how to handle this situation, because I think what we're doing is being asked to put something in statute that might have implications beyond what is being considered here. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Janssen, Baker amendment. Senator Bourne, did you wish to have Senator Janssen's time?

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Janssen. And again, we're trying to get the answers, and I guess nobody is interested in figuring out exactly what this does. But if I was an individual in rural Nebraska and I had an ethanol plant in my neighborhood, or in my district, that could potentially expand in the future, I think I'd be asking some questions. There's very few industries that are locating in rural Nebraska. And even though I've constantly railed against companies that come in here and use non-Nebraska labor, I am in general supportive of the ethanol industry, because unfortunately, we can lure very few industries out into rural Nebraska. This is one of them that we can. And I am concerned with this language. We don't say to any other manufacturing entity that they can...that if they don't produce a certain number of units by such and such a date that we're not going to let them into this program that was designed to encourage expansion, to encourage job growth development, capital investment. So I'm kind of leery as to what we're doing here. Senator Baker is asking us to just push this over again, and I'm reluctant to do that. I think what I'm going to do is file an amendment to delete lines 3 through lines 9. And that's the language that says that for contracts signed under the Employment Investment Growth Act--that's LB 775--and the Invest Nebraska Act--which is...I believe was LB 620--no ethanol facility receiving benefits under the Ethanol Development Act--and again, I'm not sure if the only plants that are receiving those credits are those four that are contemplated under LB 536 or not--but those plants shall not be eligible for benefits under the Employment Investment Growth Act unless they're producing...or if they're producing more than 15 million