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don't have a funding mechanism? We hear that the corn checkoff people, they'll gladly step forward and put up a checkoff to fund any additional plants; then I hear that's not true. So here I am, a guy from Omaha, trying to encourage and foster business in rural Nebraska, but not a lot of our rural Nebraska colleagues are speaking about it. There seems to be a lot of dissension and disagreement amongst our rural colleagues. So I'm looking for some guidance. Senator Baker, do we want to shut these off? Do we want to allow maybe the four potential plants to sneak in under the wire and give some jobs here in Nebraska?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't know.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Schrock amendment, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members, I...Senator Bourne used a word "sneak" in. I'm not sure that's...I guess that's a verb in this case. I might describe it differently, but these people are looking to set up these stills, operations, whatever they're going to call them, stills. Those people destroy the credibility of what we intended to do here, what I'm backing. We have four legitimate plants out there, folks. They've made 40, 50, 60 million dollars worth of investment. They've built the plants. That deadline did not come out of the woodwork. It's been there, June 30 of 2004, since we passed LB 536. It's not changed. And for somebody to defend these people that are sneaking in, going in the backdoor, under the tent, whatever you want to call it, with stills upsets me a lot. It creates a credibility problem with me concerning the four plants that are out there and being...that are going to be producing. The third plant is coming on line next week. The fourth one I think is scheduled for the 1st of May. Also, Senator Bourne says these are Nebraska plants. Out of the four he's talking about, two of them that I have addresses for, Vancouver, Washington, and Elk River, Minnesota, on their...listed on the contracts, Vancouver, Washington, Elk