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River, Minnesota. That's plants it says they're locating in Ravenna and one in Red Willow County, my home district. Don't think I'm not taking some criticism over this by...from three or four people, but I have to defend the folks that made the investment, put the business plans together, raised the money, built the plants. They're out there. And I feel sorry for the people that didn't make the deadline, but I can't defend them. They didn't raise the money. They had a poor business plan. They didn't have a business plan, couldn't raise the money, and that's life, folks. To defend them, saying we're going to let them sneak in, I can't do that. That's just...it's not right. That was never the intent of the Legislature and I'm not going to back up and say, well, let's let them in now. It's clear that...to me that what we're talking about here is Senator Schrock's amendment wants to strike an area, a section of the bill or two lines of the bill that simply says we'll take no more applications, there's not been contracts signed. There were 29 contracts signed. We're talking those are the signed contracts. Those are not applications. Those are further than that. They are signed contracts. To let this go on any further I think would be irresponsible. I have told Senator Schrock I would yield him the rest of my time. Senator Schrock, would you like the rest of my time now?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BAKER: Oh, I didn't hear you say that. Well, he doesn't want my time. I'll go on and finish, I guess. I will yield my time to Senator Schrock, if he wants it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: About two minutes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, I want to make sure that the body knows my motives. My motives here are not to let more contracts sneak in. That's not my motive. My motive is how the law is drafted and what we're trying to do and the constitutional issue. The general principle of law limiting a