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SENATOR SCHROCK: You know, what we could do here is let the bill advance, not delay it, but not have it read on Final Reading until we get the Attorney General's Opinion. That works for me.

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, and...

SENATOR SCHROCK: And then if there's a problem, we can bring it back. But I don't care, whatever works.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Whatever it takes to get along.

SENATOR BOURNE: Again, you are not necessarily trying to allow more plants. You're simply trying to get clarification as to what the legal status is. You're trying to make sure that there's no litigation, if there's no litigation that has to come about.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Okay, Senator Schrock. And did you get a commitment that we would...that there would be working with Senator Baker and that to pull the bill back off Final Reading?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, I didn't, but I'm dealing with reasonable people here and I think they would agree to that, and I'm not worried about that.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Thank you, Senator Schrock. I appreciate it. I tell you again, I'm struggling as to what to do. And when I say sneak in under the wire, "sneak" is not the proper term in that it's pejorative or negative. What I mean is that the deadline is June 30, I think there are a couple plants that might legitimately make it and I think those plants are going to be Nebraska-built plants, and so I'm hanging on to the hope that this program will somehow provide some jobs here, and that's my hope. I'm going to...I'll tell you what I'm going to do is I'm not going to speak again as it relates to LB 479, but