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of this Opinion from the Attorney General would be in terms of the issue to be addressed. What was the nature of your question that the Attorney General is going to answer?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That we're trying to do in LB 479 indirectly what we could not do directly based upon the filing deadlines for the producer credits.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And your feeling is that LB 479 is trying to reach back...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and undo...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I understand now the...

SENATOR SCHROCK: And I...and I could very well be wrong on this, but I think it's an issue that needs to be raised and that's what I'm doing. I don't want any more applications to come in. I think we're going to have a handful with the number of plants that we're going to be building and producing. We're going to have a handful of our producer credits, and I know you're going to help us find funding for that. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't think Senator Schrock realized that Senator Chambers, not Senator Baker, asked this question. (Laugh) But at any rate, I will...I will be curious to see what the Attorney General's response in that regard is. There is an area that can be discussed and debated, but the Attorney General's Opinion need not be considered definitive unless it goes the direction you happen to want it to go, whichever side of the issue you're on. But I have to make another comment or two about this whole approach to ethanol. Senator Connealy is the one that I usually would hound with my questioning, but since he's not here, I will ask Senator Baker, because I think he is in the midst of all of this. Senator Baker, would you answer a question or two?