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SENATOR BAKER: I would think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So before they can get these credits, if this limit were taken off, they would have to produce more than the amount that they are producing under these credits, in order to get that additional incentive? Is that true?

SENATOR BAKER: I think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now to be completely accurate, this bill, as it's crafted, the language that I'm talking about, puts a limit on the amount which can result in credits. But there might be plants producing more than that right now but they can receive credits for only a portion of that which they're producing now. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So how many of these plants that are currently operating do you think are producing ethanol in excess of these limits, that are in the language I'm trying to take out?

SENATOR BAKER: Today, there are three.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you think they're all producing more than this amount?

SENATOR BAKER: On an annual basis, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much more would you say, if you could give a percentage which I know is not going to be exact but to get an idea of what we're talking about?

SENATOR BAKER: I think the smallest of the three new plants are producing at 20 million gallons. That would be the Plainview plant, so that would be an extra 33 percent over the 15 million.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what if we increased this amount? If we increased the limit by 10 percent, do you think that small