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hard-earned money into this, not knowing what the final result may be. There's a lot of talk. There's no, that I've seen, a solid business plan that has all the permits in place, land is zoned apparently...or appropriately, and so on. They're just not out there. My advice to them is, step back, take a deep breath, look at all the other incentives. One that hasn't been mentioned is community development block grants. The DED has worked with these plants that are being built, or are built. There's LB 775. If you will recall, the committee amendments do not prohibit use of LB 775 if you're not receiving EPIC funding. If you receive EPIC funding, you're out of the picture, out of the loop for LB 775. If they're not receiving EPIC funding, they can qualify LB 775, LB 620, community development block grants, TIF. Maybe we can come back if we could work through this bill here this session, come back next year with some local incentives, meaning property tax...personal property tax forgiveness. That's a big-ticket item. The local communities would still have the plants, the real estate tax, the jobs, the increased price of grain, so on. It would not create an additional exposure to the state treasury, or the corn growers is another case, and sorghum growers. So there are many options out there for these people trying to qualify...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...by June 30. Did you say time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I said one minute, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: One minute. Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I want to refer you back to the green chart paper that I handed out. This is a mix. And I understand, Senator Chambers, you're not picking on LB 1065 unilat...or by...as one bill. You've said this, whether it was .10 cent a gallon on mass transit, or Senator Beutler's and my bill on the fuel tax to the cities and counties, you've been consistent. You don't like an increase in the fuel tax when it's not going to roads. I guess in your case it doesn't matter where it's going. We're not going to increase the fuel tax if you have your way. But this is a blend of taxes that we felt was appropriate. I still feel it's appropriate. I see Senator Wehrbein has filed an amendment to drop the fuel