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date of this bill for producers that are receiving production credits, 18 cents a gallon, are ineligible for LB 775 benefits and Invest Nebraska. So after the date of the act--by the way, which means that it's going to be late enough that all of the existing applications are going to apply--the door finally slams shut on getting both LB 775 and production credits. Secondly, there are to be no new applications for ethanol benefits after the effective date of the act. So that means no more production credits after the effective date of this act. It won't serve as the real diminution of obligation here. That will actually be the obligation to be up and producing by June 30. That's in existing law, unchanged by the committee amendment. However, it signals the intent of the body, and it does say, you know, whatever we do about this mess, it doesn't grow larger, it doesn't grow larger, without affirmative action by the Legislature. On this score, I think all parties are in agreed. I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the closing on the committee amendment, AM2644. Those in favor of adoption of the amendment vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The committee amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, do we have further amendments?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Cunningham and others. This is AM3536. (Legislative Journal page 1452.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Cunningham, you are recognized to open on AM3536.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I wasn't quite expecting this yet. Basically, all this does is takes the prorating language out of the committee amendment. So it just simply takes the prorating language out. And I will leave it at that right now. I'll leave the mike open. And Senator