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Bourne, ...nope, he's gone. So I'll turn my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Baker, your light is on. You are recognized to speak.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Schimek and members. I was involved in conversation back here. I'm going to follow up, since I guess we're actually on Senator Cunningham's amendment. I believe, Senator Cunningham, and...your amendment strikes the proration portion of the bill. Is that not correct? Would you respond to a question? I'm like you, I wasn't quite ready for this.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Cunningham, would you respond?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BAKER: Does your amendment AM3536 strike the proration clause in this? Is that what it does?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes it does, Senator.

SENATOR BAKER: Okay. And how important do you think that would be if...I guess the significance of it...if we don't fund this, is it your take then that we would have to have the proration clause in here? Or not? Or...you obviously don't think it's important. Why not?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, I think we're going to have to fund these plants regardless of what we do, Senator Baker. They have a contract signed. But I would just like to take the prorating language out.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you. I understand. I think the risk we're going to run here taking this out...obviously, we have a contractual obligation with these plants, and if we don't fund this, I don't know why we would expect these people not to sue the state of Nebraska and say you have to honor these contracts, and then we're going to be in another lawsuit that I don't think we'd ever win, because it's a written contract, says, here's the