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learn. There's a lesson to be learned from the low-level radioactive waste, and various other things where the state has been sued. We're going to be ruled that we must fulfill those contracts. Where we're going to come up with that money and interest on it and so on, if we don't do LB 1065, is beyond me. If we do LB 1065 now, it gets...takes care of the four plants. I have no idea what these promoters out there are going to try and do with their temporary stills and so on. That's another issue. They...if they can find people that buy into that, fine. If not, fine. I'd like to see the plants built. But we have a contractual obligation with these people. And if you look at the white sheet again, these are not speculative figures here. These are the figures that people are going to be using, and their production, and 18 cents a gallon. These are hard figures. I don't think there's any wiggle room here, folks. If anything, if we'd have a continuing drought this year, we'd have less grain to market, collect the checkoff on next year, so we might even be overestimating the checkoff income on grain. So IPPing this bill just is not an option at this time. We're going to have to continue to work on this, see if we can't find some middle ground. If not--and I hate to suggest this--but we're just going to have to go on, see if we have 33 votes, and keep the bill intact the way it is. A big challenge? Yes. The other option is not viable, and that's to simply let the bill go away. That's not an option. So with that, I'm with Senator Chambers. We don't have much of an audience in here, but I'll tell you, I'm one person, one senator, who won't leave the floor until we resolve this. And that's going to be 6:00. I believe the agenda says we go to Final Reading at 6:00, and I'm going to miss lunch. But you know, that probably won't hurt me anyway. So I will be here, carrying the load. And I see Senator Schrock over there. I think these are critical times. We have an obligation to the state taxpayers to honor these contracts. We don't need to get the state in another lawsuit that we would have no hope of winning whatsoever. We...there might be some...obviously, some interest penalties. Who knows. But we don't have a leg to stand on. We fund these incentives for these four plants, or we're going to be in contract violation. And like I said, it doesn't take a slick lawyer to figure that out, come the end of August. And that's assuming things go as projected here on the income side of it. There's not much