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from the bill. That's the amendment, Mr. President, and I ask for a vote to return it to Select File, please. Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Baker. There are no further lights. You may close. Senator Baker waives closing. You will now proceed to vote on a motion to return to Select File for an amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Motion is successful. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President. Once again, I'm going to repeat what the amendment does. It strikes some language on page 14, lines 18 through 24. The language that's in the bill currently says that if a plant is not up and producing at a minimum 15 million gallons on an annual basis by October 1, they cannot access LB 775 incentives if they qualify for EPIC Funds. I think this is rather symbolic. As I said, I talked with, visited with, Department of Revenue people and typically for somebody to take this to a banker and say it's going to be of any help on a financing plan I think is stretching it a long ways. There's also the question of creating a closed class of companies here, and I don't think that it's a big enough issue to worry about and I'm simply asking the body to adopt the amendment, which removes this from LB 479. Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Baker. There are no further lights. Do you wish to close? Senator Baker waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on AM3506 to LB 479. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Baker's amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The motion carries. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move the