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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, these are numbers that come from the Ethanol Board and from the Fiscal Office. These are the best estimates of the people who know. And you can always work to discredit the figures, but these are the best we have and these are the ones I think we should act upon.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Well, thank you, Senator Beutler, and I respect this. The fact that the four plants, you know, will be coming, I believe that. But I think there is, in reality there could be more. So if, in fact, there would be more plants, you know, eligible, for the credits, say, six or eight plants, you know, how realistic are these revenue projections going to be? We'll have to revisit that, you know, probably next year. Is it going to come to the fact that we're going to have to double the checkoff to take care of this, or are we going to go to another source? If this, in fact, sheet, you know, could be carried through for the duration of this, I would be in support of it. But the realism of being just the four plants, that does concern me, and I think it's going to take more money, and where are they going to come to then in 2005 or 2007, in there? Are they going to want us as producers, you know, to support it by doubling the checkoff to a penny and a half instead of that 75 cents? These are the things that really do concern me. You know, right now today realism would be I could truly support this, but I really think, you know, by next year there could probably be six plants or eight plants. Then we're going to have to revisit the whole, the whole thing. Or are we going to guarantee that the revenues that we got projected right now are going to stay as is and we're going to try to find another source of revenue, some type of a fuel tax or something else to support it? That is the questions that I have, and I'm very much concerned about it at this time, so thank you. I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, Mr. Vice...Lieutenant Governor. Senator Baker,...