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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...I think the funding for this bill was for four plants. Is that correct?

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And I hear hints on the floor that we may have more than four plants. Is that...am I just...am I...

SENATOR BAKER: Well, I don't...you're not imagining that, Senator Hartnett. There's that possibility. I don't know how real that possibility is but it's...it could happen, I guess.

SENATOR HARTNETT: One more, two more, do you think, Senator Baker?

SENATOR BAKER: Ah, you're really making it tough on me. I don't know. I...there are I think four or five of them trying to qualify out there with these temporary facilities. Whether they get it done or not, I have no idea. There...

SENATOR HARTNETT: So it could be up to five, that would be the top number and...

SENATOR BAKER: I seriously doubt there's five of them qualify. It could be that high.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And when would they start getting this money, the \$22.5 million?

SENATOR BAKER: They will never earn all of it because once they begin production, even with the portable or the temporary facilities, that starts the clock ticking on the eight-year program. So they could qualify in June and don't get their plant built for two years, they're going to lose that two years of subsidies off of the \$22.5 million. So in reality, none of these plants are going to be built within a year that are out there