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that think they're going to qualify. So that takes off one year out of the eight automatically. To answer your question, they probably would not, under their best case scenario, any of them begin qualifying for the 18 cents a gallon on full production until, what, 18 months from now, minimum, some of them.

SENATOR HARTNETT: A year and a half from now.

SENATOR BAKER: Yeah, a year and a half,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR BAKER: ...at least that long.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And what...I think you said you were kind of opposed to Senator Beutler's amendment, simply we shouldn't do it now, we should wait. Is that...is that the message that I hear you and...

SENATOR BAKER: Well, yes. I...if this were the final solution, I'd say let's do it, but I don't see this as a final solution. I think we're going to be haunted by ethanol bills certainly next session and probably a year or two after that, just to take care of our commitments that we may have to fulfill down the road.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Thank you, Senator Baker. I'll give the time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, the position of the opponents to the amendment seems to be either you fix the problem all at once or you don't fix it at all. Well, maybe we should start taking some of the...some more of the funding out of LB 1065 because we could put just a little bit in and wait till next year and then maybe we would know by then what all we have to fund and we could do it all at one time. But I think that position is intellectually bankrupt. We know what we're going to have to fund, and yet