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works now, those, plus those that are operating now, whether they're getting subsidies or not, would bring the total number of plants to what number?

SENATOR CONNEALY: About 13.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thirteen. Do you think 13 small towns will be saved as a result of this?

SENATOR CONNEALY: If they all would go into production, it would boost the income in those communities extensively, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there are going to be a lot of small towns which still are going to die anyway.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Economic times are tough in rural America, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you think the model of small towns is probably going to go by the boards, no matter what is done through federal subsidies to agriculture, through state and federal subsidies to ethanol? There are small towns which just are not going to make it. And...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Cunningham and Senator Stuhr are not going to be able to rescue them with their two bills. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No. I believe that we can have structures that we want.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then...

SENATOR CONNEALY: I think that we can drive economic development in a broader range than we have in the past. And I continue to work on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What are you going to develop in a small town, where you don't have a labor force and you don't have a