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SENATOR BOURNE: Is there any way that the state could not honor that commitment that we made to those plants who qualified under LB 536?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I think that's probably (laugh) a court of law to decide that. I've heard some talks about pro rata. But nowhere have I seen...I understand the statute, if there's any pro rata provisions, I think that...as my understanding of the law, and I'm not a lawyer, that we do have those commitments.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So you're saying, without a doubt, that those commitments will be honored?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: To the extent that I can make that commitment, yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Right. Given that you're out of the Legislature, as many of us are, in...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...a few years. But...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Even Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BOURNE: I'm going to leave that one alone. (Laughter) I can't...can you...have you been...you've been involved in ethanol a lot longer than I have. And to your knowledge, we've never not honored a commitment we've made under these incentive programs, have we?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Not in this program we have not...

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...missed any commitments, no.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I appreciate that. I, like Senator Wehrbein, feel that we have an ironclad agreement should these plants, these five plants who qualified