

referencing there? And that is the rule of shared liability. In other words, if something goes wrong and we get some weird China syndrome, all the rest of the people that are sending us nuclear waste are liable like we are and there will be no facility until all the states who are going to send us this glowing waste agree and Congress ratifies that that's the ground rule. Until we have that ground rule, we are not to build. That's what the green copy says. I think it's great policy. What the committee amendment says now is that the facility may not accept waste from a state until these things have occurred, which means that we can build a, what, 80 million dollar, 50 million dollar, hundred million dollar, I'm not sure exactly how expensive this is going to be, but we can build the facility, have it there sitting empty and all that we have to do then is wait until some law, some state changes its law. Now, which state is it going to be? If you're a utility and you want to start using that facility, you can go to Arkansas, you can go to Congress, you can go to Kansas, but you can also come back to Nebraska and try to get us to change our law and then this big built facility with all the momentum of the utilities, all the momentum of the sum costs of the investment will pick out whoever the weakest link is to get that facility up and operating, and who's to say we aren't going to be the weakest link? In fact, I think in the past we certainly have been. We have been the weakest link and the easiest to push around and we've done it. So what I suggest is that the green copy of the bill was right all along. I'm suggesting that we strike from the committee amendment the language that changes the green copy and we go back to the green copy which said no construction until the states and Congress agree that we're all in this shared enterprise together and if something goes wrong we all pay up. Without that, we can have the facility built with no agreement of the working principle that this is a shared liability, and if that facility is up, if it's licensed, the utilities will find a way to open it and that means they'll come back to us. They'll go to anybody who will allow them to use it and we'll be the first on their lists. I suggest that the green copy was always right and we should not build until we know the ground rules. That's different than the rule of the committee amendment, which is go ahead and build, just don't bring us waste until we have the ground rules filled. I think if you have a built facility the momentum to use it will be overwhelming. That's why I offer the amendment and, with that, I make my opening, I'll make a very brief closing and we can