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those dollars that we could be subject to in the future have nothing to do with this legislation today. The only thing that this legislation is going to cost us is the \$25,000 per year which is our annual dues anyway, whether we're in or whether we're out, for five years. Now the lawsuit is a different matter. I think at this time we feel like that the cost of that lawsuit could end up somewhere \$9 million, and that's what Senator Wehrbein was talking to you about, some of the dollars we're having to appropriate today to take care of a lawsuit that's been put on us by some of the contractors away from our state and even one within our state, a producer. We have had...we have spent \$94 million, I mean there has been spent \$94 million on this process to date. This was spent by the contractor or by the producers of electricity in the other compact states. The only...the only state of the five that doesn't have a nuclear power plant is Oklahoma. Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, and Nebraska have power...have nuclear power stations. Those are going to shut down before too many years, I'm not sure how long it is, but they have a license to be in operation for maybe 15 more years and then they're going to have to...to disband. They're going to have to break up their...close down their plant. It's an expensive thing, but we're looking at high-level waste storage for that process. When we started this process, I think Senator Beutler told you that we had...the Congress told us to go back to the states, form compacts, and find enough capacity to store waste. Probably would take about 12 or 13 waste sites. Now they think it can be done with one, and they've done this a couple ways. They've reduced the amount of waste. They do decommissioning now. And they've also learned how to make it smaller both with quantity and quality. So the need now is only one. We think that the federal government should re-look this process. They haven't and the reason they haven't is because they felt that we were on the way to providing the source of their problems...or the answer to their problems, and that's not going to happen. So, with that, I'd just like to encourage your support of the bill and maybe we can put an end to the whole process. Thank you.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: The question is the advancement of LB 530. All in favor please vote aye, all opposed nay. Record.