

with this in a concrete way and in a way that requires some study, I'm proposing in my amendment to strike the rebuttable presumption. However, I want to study that issue in detail along with other liability issues. After looking through many of the things that went on in regards to low-level waste, it came to our attention that we've left out a very important provision in the Nebraska law and that is the statute of limitations. Everyone is very concerned about, well, what happens if something goes wrong? We've all been told this site is real safe, but what happens if something goes wrong? What are we going to do? And that led us into a discussion of liabilities. One of the things that we had not addressed and we need to look at is the statute of limitations and that's the number of years in which you can bring an action against either the operator of the facility, the State of Nebraska or the generators of this waste. The real problem comes in that in this state right now if we have an injury or a damage, let's say you're involved in a traffic accident. You have four years from the date that that accident or injury occurred in which to bring your lawsuit. So that gives you four years to wait to see how long your injuries are, the amount of the injuries, how serious they are, but if you don't bring that cause of action within four years, no matter how valid your claim is, you're out. That is called the statute of limitations. You've dealt with that in a number of areas, criminally, civilly, and so on. What is unique about this system is that with low-level waste disposal and radiation exposure, if you have exposure to excess amounts of radiation, your injuries don't happen right away. In fact, they are what they call latent or hidden injuries or they could be injuries that take many, many years to manifest themselves. A logical injury that occurs is cancer. You may well wait five or ten years to determine you've even had this cancer before it comes to your attention. Under the current Nebraska law, let's say it takes five years for that cancer to develop, you have a valid cause of action. Everything else you would recover, but because of our current system of law, because you didn't file suit within four years, you're out. The solution to this is one that many other states have. In fact, we have it in products liability, for example, the chair that you're sitting in today. If it was poorly designed and was defective, it's a products liability case and it breaks and you're injured, you get so many years. That chair may have been there for let's say five or six years, but if it is determined to be defective, you've got the right upon reasonable discovery to go back and it's four years from when you determine that it was defective. So what I have