

states on line 8 among, it says, basically talks about that the study shall include but not be limited to strict liability, rebuttable presumption, statutes of limitation, and finally on line 8, causation, and any other issues related to liability in tort. Could that, in your opinion, include such things as looking at the whole issue of the data that we have existing in Nebraska presently regarding cancer, the types of cancer and where we're at in the compilation of that information as far as the Nebraska Cancer Registry is concerned?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If you're talking about specifics, could additional requirements be placed in the cancer registration, those would be helpful for determinations of damages which would be a liability area. I could probably bootstrap that in.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, since it mentions the word causation, to me, that does appear that this is something that, to me, absolutely should be a part of the study then. And what I have done is at this point in time I've made a request from the Department of Health for the existing information that we do have on file regarding the registry for cancer, the types of cancer by county, incidence rate, types and so on and I can tell you, and this is an issue that we have discussed some years back when I was a member of the Health Committee, I can remember we did put some money into the development of the Cancer Registry in Nebraska and I understand in talking with Gregg Wright that we still have a ways to go on that issue, but it has progressed quite a lot. And so I think this should be included with any study that we do do and that, in fact, we also then make some kind of provision to make sure that if we are not adequately providing for that information at this point in time, that we do something to put that in place so that we can implement that to the fullest extent possible. Based on that, I would very much support the Schmit-Kristensen amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you very much, Mr. President. I rise to support the Schmit-Kristensen amendment in the area of liability and the study of the Judiciary Committee. However, I feel that this study, while it is being undertaken, is a little too limited. We have more serious questions as to environmental impact than the low-level waste site. These are toxic wastes, hazardous wastes, infectious wastes and such as those. I would much rather have this highly regulated low-level radioactive