

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: We also pay for any extraordinary lawsuits that they may incur. We have to pay the fees for that. We must reimburse them for almost everything except for the fines that we might impose on them. And that's nice because if we do fine them, we don't really want to have to pay for it ourselves. Then there are two questions on the facility. It's obvious that 14 regional sites around the country are too many. The waste stream in this country has declined to such an extent that we may never fill them, all 14 sites. So the question is, can we generate enough funds from this reduced waste stream to ensure adequate long-term care of this facility. That's a good question. Nobody knows that answer for sure. Then, if these facilities are setting empty, an emergency will let the feds do anything they want with us. They can put anything they want in that facility if an emergency exists.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Folks, the Federal Weapons Program is in emergency status right now. The Federal Weapons Program is facing a minimum 130 billion...\$130 billion cleanup of 3,000 toxic sites at the Department of Defense's 17 aging and ailing nuclear weapons plants. These are all problems that we must consider. We can't say, we did it, we have handled this, the decisions we made in the past are good. We must relook at everything we have done and say, yes, there are some questions still today and we must address these and this is an ongoing process. Just because we felt...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Sorry, time has expired.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...we did everything correctly in the past by no means should mean that we shouldn't consider changing some of these in the future.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I would like to ask Senator Schmit a question if he would answer, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, would you respond?