

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is challenged daily. But I keep in my mind what it is that I'm down here to do. I wish I could say that I am so altruistic that every time I cast a vote that I know is right, even when it's going to benefit people that maybe have no regard for me and that I don't have a great amount of personal regard for myself, I'd like to be able to say that I do it in high-minded, good spirit. But I'd be lying. Many times I cast votes that are right, but there is a deep, abiding bitterness in my heart, or my lungs, or my kidneys, or wherever those deeper movings within a human being are located. But I cast the vote because it is right, and when I came down here I indicated that's what I would do. There are so many times I wish I had the luxury of punishing these groups with my vote, but I don't do it. I've seen other senators influenced by groups outside of this state in their conduct and in the positions that they take.

PRESIDENT: Time. Senator Elmer is next, but may I introduce some guests in the north balcony. Senator Peterson has 46 fourth grade students from Bel Air Elementary School in Norfolk, Nebraska and their teachers. Will you teachers and students please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Lamb and Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. During the initial opening Senator Chambers referred to the bill as one that we probably need to pass. I definitely agree, this bill should not be indefinitely postponed. We should go ahead and act on it and advance it today. One of the things that I want to keep bringing to the members attention is to keep the risks, that this facility would pose to the public, in context with everything else that we are doing in the matter of waste disposal in the living of our every day lives. Nuclear power is something that people have been introduced to in an unusual way. And first impressions are tremendously lasting. Nuclear power was introduced to us by the bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the tremendous destruction that they do. If electricity had been introduced to us with the electric chair, we'd probably still be conducting these meetings in candlelight. Keep it in context. The National Health Service has statistical data showing what percentages of the deaths in the United States result from radiation. Twenty percent to 24 percent of the deaths in the U.S. are the results of cancer. Of those, 1 percent of the cancer is attributable to radiation natural or