

otherwise. Of that 1 percent, two-tenths of 1 percent can be attributable to the nuclear industry. For example, last year 2,127,000 Americans went to their final resting place, of those 477,190 were from cancer. Of those 477,190, 4,772 could be attributable to radiation. Of those 1 out of the 2 million can be attributable, by statistical data, to the nuclear power industry. Keep this in context. Think about the things we use every day. The phosphate fertilizer that you and I use on our lawns, we spread on our farms, is more radioactive than the Class A waste that would be stored in this facility. Every day the coal-fired plants in this United States, that generate our electricity, emit more radiation, that's nuclear radiation, than is permissible by a nuclear power plant in a full year. Think about the contribution of fossil fuels, both oil and coal, to the greenhouse effect, acid rain, sulfur, nitrosioxide. The Three Mile Island is supposed to have been a disaster, not one person lost their life. Statistics show us that the Three Mile Island, not because of the nuclear radiation but because fossil fuels had to replace that generation capacity, will cost a potential of approximately 3,000 lives in the eastern part of the United States.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: We must keep these things in context. The thing to think about is the danger from organic pollution, nitrates, chemicals, the things that are dumped unknowingly in our landfills and around our farms. If anything in the area of waste disposal or storage were to be built in my county this facility would be my choice. If, by some accident or some decision that's been made, one of the three counties are not chosen, I would certainly look for a place for it in my district. We need to advance this bill to provide some additional assurances and protections for the people who will have to live with it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, this is a very difficult issue. All during the committee hearings and the proposals that have been before the Natural Resources Committee and the old Public Works Committee I have been involved in them, because I am a member of that committee. And I have not spoken during this debate, although I've had my light on from time to