

PRESIDENT: The second part of the Kristensen amendment is adopted. Do you have anything further on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Morrissey would move to amend. Senator, I have AM1752 on page 2178 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, this amendment, page 2178 on the Journal, will establish a base line health study for the area selected as a final site. If we are to do what the Governor has asked, to hold the health of the citizens in the highest regard, to do what our state law says, to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and the environment, we must proceed from a base. We can't go down the line here, 20 years from now, and say, what's going on; there is a high incidence of colon cancer in Nemaha County, where did it come from? In fact, there is now a high incidence of colon cancer in Nemaha County and southeast Nebraska as a whole. These trends should be established and they should be established now for the final site selection. I do not see how this cannot be good for the company building the facility. It will establish trends for them later on down the line, so they won't have to go to court and battle a trend that was already in existence. This is good for the citizens because it provides in proof, right now, what has been and what is in existence around the facility. I'll be curious to hear what anyone else might say, if this is...I, of course, feel this is noncontroversial, too. I feel it's very much in keeping with the Governor and her wishes, very much in keeping with the wishes of the citizens, and very much in keeping with the members of this body, to hold in highest regard and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and environment. We must establish a base so in the future we know what we're dealing with. I would move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, as I said earlier, it's not desirable to draft a bill or to forge legislation in this manner, because eventually the membership wears down and says, we've got to give somebody an amendment, and so we do, frequently we pick the wrong one. This is an unnecessary