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think this is a very important amendment, as much, if you want to question our priorities, I think it's just almost as important as simulcasting and being able to bet on the Kentucky Derby, folks.

SENATOR SMITH: A lot more. Senator Morrissey, then I guess if you would want to pursue your amendment, what I would suggest to you is rather than duplicating...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...what has already been done, use at least this as part of it.

PRESIDENT: Time has expired. Thank you. Senator Langford, Senator Morrissey. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, thank you. I think that's a good idea, Senator Smith, to start. That's a good start. We have a lot of it done. I'm not asking to go back and call the family bibles. I was told by some people that if you wanted to do it right, that was the way to do it. I was sure that I couldn't get that adopted. I thought this was a very reasonable amendment that I could get adopted. And, as you said, if indeed we are already doing it, there's no reason that we shouldn't require it for this facility. Again, this facility...these low-level facilities are new. In my district, you're going to plop it down right in the midst of a high population of people and livestock. We're looking for information, folks, complete information. And I believe Senator Smith said that the registry is not quite complete. And it would be a good place for us to start, and it's a good place to compile and establish a base. Senator Goodrich complained that I didn't explain this very well. So, Senator Goodrich, listen up. We're simply establishing a base line health trend, a trend that shows what diseases are prevalent in the area right now. If, in the future, there is a drastic change, we have something to go off of, a base line. If we don't establish this and complete the studies that the cancer registry has started, in the future we will have no idea what the effect, if any, this facility has had. As I stated earlier, this is good for the developer, this is good for the people. If this facility is to be as safe as everyone has stated, then this is the perfect way to prove it. And I imagine that the power companies and the US Ecology people are out in the lobby supporting my amendment here, because if,

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