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classes in public utilities. His review stated that the compact contract allowed for possibilities of enormous profits for US Ecology, that the formula used in this contract is basically backwards from the formula regularly used in public utilities. Since that time, I have received nothing, no offers to sit down and work out this problem from Dr. Thorson. Not once has he come to me and said, we need to look this over, I am convinced that I am right, we need to sit down and hammer this out. A letter was sent, after I made my statements, that said basically this is a very complicated issue and some of you just can't understand it, but never, ever has any effort been made to come together and sit down and talk the issue over, the issue of shared liability with our sister states in this compact. I brought that up a year ago with a meeting with Dr. Thorson and the Governor and the issue at that time was declared to be one that where we are trusting in the good faith efforts of our sister states in guaranteeing this long-term liability. Up to this point in time, over a year later, basically nothing has been done. Senator Scofield introduced a bill that would guarantee that long-term shared liability with our sister states.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: But that bill now still resides in committee, has no priorities, speaker, committee or personal priority. After a year I was expecting much more. Some phone conferences have been held with some members of the compact, phone conferences that are not subject to open meeting laws and we have no idea what went on in these discussions, but no one, no one decided that that bill should be prioritized so basically after a year, and actually this was brought up in 1987 in a discussion in Natural Resources Committee between Senator Lamb and Dennis Grams that this was a problem in 1987, so now we're looking three years later and nothing has been done. Folks, in my involvement in this issue, this is one of the first things I brought up and in my study found out it has been an issue for over three years and basically the answer has been, don't worry, everything is all right, we're relying on the good faith of these, our member states in the compact, but, folks, that is not any way to conduct a contract on an issue that can involve hundreds of millions of dollars.

PRESIDENT: Time. Thank you. Senator Dierks, may I please introduce some guests before you speak. Senator Kristensen has