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it. To bring that as a confirmation to our whole body, I think, is not right, and I just can't support it. I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I think that what we need to do...one of the points that I wanted to bring up, we talked, a little bit earlier today, about...in fact, that was one of the responses that he gave, and I think I alluded to that earlier this morning. When he says that, yes, he does see that there is still some concern about the shared liability issue, and he goes on to talk about how he has drafted a memo, and that he would like to see all the Legislatures in the compact act on this issue so that we do make sure we have a shared liability. Then he goes on to the very bottom sentence and states, as I have stated previously, the language in Section 3 of LB 1232, as amended by AM2566, contains language that I believe would serve well as Nebraska's draft proposal. And I think that that's something that we might want to make sure, as a Legislature, we do, that we do get a piece of legislation out here, whether it's LB 1238, which is the priority bill we're talking about, with its amendments, and add some other kinds of amendments in there that place some kinds of requirements, that as our compact's commissioner, Dr. Thorson, then knows that he is to aggressively pursue and receive the assurances that we, as a state, need in the role that we're going to play as the host site. That is one of the things I think it's our job to do for him. I would also, quickly in the time that I have, just read the questions that we have asked him, that we do have a response to. Number one, would Nebraska have any control over additional waste from other states being brought into Nebraska to be disposed of at the site? He answered that. Number two, does Nebraska have guaranteed shared liability on an equitable and fair basis with other compact states? Could the compact states limit their liability to say one dollar and no more? Do you have any suggestions on this liability issue? He responds to that. I think we all need to have copies of this dispersed among the members of the body.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: Three, what is your interpretation of your role