

Here we are in 1990, and we've got a memo. The charge of the man or the person, excuse me, leading this state into this issue has been fairly clear to me for the last year, protect the interests of the citizens of the State of Nebraska; make sure the liability questions are answered; make sure the questions of liability in the contract are clear, crystal clear, no question that the liability is there. And Dr. Thorson, as a lawyer, has guaranteed us that that is there, over and over. Until last...this October, Judiciary hearing, he said, no, there is a problem, it might not be there, we need to address that. So we've known it for three years, we've known it since October for sure, when the Governor and Dr. Thorson admitted to the problem. And what have we done to move in that direction? A memo. A memo. LB 1232, that Dr. Thorson mentions, has been given lukewarm support by the administration and Dr. Thorson. Where is LB 1232? Residing in Natural Resources Committee, no priority, no Speaker priority, no committee priority, no priority. Dr. Thorson should have introduced legislation such as that, and he didn't, Senator Scofield had to. And now we're going to, hopefully, amend it somewhere on some bill. What are the priorities, what is the charge of the person in charge of us, our low-level siting process? To look out for the people of Nebraska, to listen to their concerns, to actually listen to their concerns, and then act on those concerns. Don't be more concerned that you will offend our sister states. Be more concerned that the questions aren't being answered, that it's been three long years and nothing has been done, that there are two Governor's races going on in two of these states that must address changing their language to ensure long-term liability. That could be a problem, folks. And the longer it takes to get this passed by the other Legislatures, and the longer...and by the federal Congress, the less or the weaker our bargaining position is. The process has gone on too long with no action towards these very, very important questions. It's the same answer over and over.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: There are no concerns, nothing needs to be changed, nothing needs to be addressed. And the people that are getting the bad rap today, for giving misinformation, have been proven to be right in many, many instances. But still nothing has happened, nothing but a memo, and that's not the kind of person I would like representing the citizens of this state in this process. Thank you.