

cause me to rack my brain for a couple of hours this morning, as I came in and heard the debate about eight-fifteen. I sat in my office and listened and listened, couldn't decide what to do. Still haven't completely decided. LB 1151 is a very important bill, I agree. We need to put the generators and the developer of the facility of radioactive waste on the hook. A lot of people don't agree with me, including the Governor. She doesn't feel these folks need to be on the hook, because I haven't gotten any support from her on this bill. Another aspect that I think is pretty important is something I was going to do...was going to amend some of Senator Scofield's language on to get the shared...guaranteed shared states liability up and running this year, use the heavy hand to tell these states that we want it and we want it now. Again, no support from key people on that. So I guess they're not too concerned about 1151, I am. I really think it needs to be done and be done this year. But part of the process, or part of the problem with the waste issue in the past has been moving bills without discussion. And I have criticized that on the floor, I criticized it quite a bit on the floor last year. So now, just because one of the bills is my bill that I think needs to be done, should I endorse the process that I criticized last year? I really don't think I can, I think it's very important. The guarantees that we have been told are in that waste compact are not there. You can have people tell you that they are there, and you can believe them, or you can take the compact and read it and see that they're not there. You can do it however you want. But if the Governor is not worried about it, and I have to fight the weird coalitions out in the lobby that get together against protecting the citizens of Nebraska and the taxpayers of Nebraska, it's pretty frustrating at times. And I really don't think 1151 can help Senator Dierks' situation per the shooting this weekend. If we want to help that situation, I passed out a study of siting of controversial facilities in Canada that addresses that. And, if we want to do that, we'll have to start all over. We want to address that issue of violence and community consent and proper siting procedures. You can read that study and see what the points they have made, and we'll have to stop and start all over, if we want to do it that way. But 1151 won't ease that pressure, it won't ease that tension up there, because it's existing and it's real. And whoever shot those bullets into that house and garage, whether they be proponents or opponents of the facility, 1151 isn't going to change their thinking any. They're really not too concerned, I don't think, in Boyd County right now. A lot of them are, but the main thing isn't putting