

see, such fees shall be fair and reasonable. Obviously that is rather open-ended but the concern actually from the other states and the generators in particular in the other states is that if Nebraska sets these fees they will actually set them too low and open up for further liability at a later date to these generators. So actually the argument has not been that, or the concern by the other states has not been necessarily that the rates will be too high, but actually set too low not so that it does not cover substantial liability questions that might come forward in future years. I think to answer Senator Hefner's question, the nonvoting member from...at this point, Boyd County, is there more or less for the purposes of being involved, to return information hopefully back to the people, to the monitoring committee, the people of his or her county and to follow what is going on within the commission because there has been some statements made to at least the Natural Resources Committee that information has not been very forthcoming by the commission and this would help alleviate some of that. Secondly, we deal with the open meetings and open records laws again to try and keep the system as open as possible so that folks in Boyd County in Nebraska are made aware of the actions of the commission. And obviously one of the most, biggest concerns is the issue of shared liability. That issue is extremely important because obviously none of us sitting in this body want to have Nebraska and its citizens be responsible for the liability of this facility solely, that everyone involved, the other generators, the other states will also be responsible for helping cover the costs of any liability that this facility may cause in contamination. So I think it was a good faith effort by our Governor, by the other Governors, by the generators, by the regulatory agencies, by the commission itself and I think it is time that we move, the amendments are adopted and this bill move forward. It would show the folks of Nebraska that we are trying to protect their interest. I would also add as a side note, that there are other bills still being considered by the Natural Resources Committee that will cover other points specifically pointed at the issue of the operation, the building of the facility and the monitoring committee's and so forth.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Those issues will obviously be forthcoming in other bills, but this is really dealing with the compact itself and our relationship with the other states much more than