

on this, you're right. And the people that have argued against me for two years are all of a sudden changing their tune on shared state liability. They said the power companies are in my office. And I said, here's the language you're saying guarantees the shared state liability, are you comfortable with that? They said, no...or they said, yes, we are comfortable with that. They said in a Judiciary hearing last year, yeah, we're comfortable with that guaranteed shared state liability. This year they're saying, gee whiz, we guess it's not there, is it? And all we're asking of these folks, through LB 837, is to put in writing what they have promised us all along they would do. Simple. They said they would do it, no big deal. We asked them to put it in writing, then they start balking. By passing this bill, you allow some situations to kick in through this stuff, right here, the provisions of the compact, the compact rules where they can, indeed, build a facility in Nebraska, deny us access and make us pay for a facility in another state. And there is no one in that lobby that can deny that that can happen. Has anyone said that that can't happen? Has anyone showed you where it can't happen? I can show you where it can happen right here. Don't pass the bill, it's not needed. Here's the federal regs that say they can do it as they need to. We've got state regs in existence, says they can do it now. Here's the things that can hurt Nebraska right here in writing. The people in the lobby who have changed their mind on other things in the past and say, all of a sudden, yeah, they were right on that shared state liability, and now they're telling you with no proof, just making an argument, no proof, I've got the proof. I would urge you to defeat the bill and make me real happy. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Schimek. Senator Dierks, on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'm still a little bit shook up, Senator Crosby. Maybe Senator Morrissey has cooled off but I still have some doubts about this whole thing. And I wasn't referring to you plural...or singular, I was referring to you collectively when I referred to the people behind the glass. And I think if you don't believe that there is pressure being applied from people behind the glass, then you haven't...you haven't stepped out there. The pressure is there, believe me. And you are absolutely 110 percent right, they don't affect me one bit, except from the adverse standpoint. They can't sway my vote. They just haven't been able to do