

which, I believe, was calculated by the former Director. He miscalculated but he thought he was going to be protected,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and he should not be expecting to get that from this Legislature.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, you want to sit back again and think how has this process gone for the three years I have been here. Look around, look around. That's how it's gone, 17, 15 people on the floor. Is it important? Yes or no? I counted you, LaVon. Is it important to your constituents? You bet it is. We're talking lots of money, folks, now and in the future, lots of money, lots of liability, that liability. Who has told you for three years that, no problem, we'll take care of it, we'll handle it? The power companies, US Ecology, the Compact Commission. Who has questioned that liability? Is it there? Is that protection there? Yes or no. We don't think so. Who said that? The citizens. Who was right? Who was right? The citizens. They were right and you know it. Now the power companies are saying, geez, let's do that shared state liability, that's a neat idea, we've always agreed with that. They never agreed with that and you know it. If you talk to them, and I know they talk to you, they never agreed that it was lacking. I had the lawyers of NPPD and OPPD in my office and said, show me, folks, where that shared state liability language is guaranteed, equitable shared state liability. They said, right there, right there it is. This was a year ago. This was a year ago, and I said, and you're comfortable, as lawyers, with that language that to me, as a layman, is obviously unclear and puts us at a disadvantage. You bet we are. You bet we are. Now this year, oh, gosh, folks, we need to clear this up, we need shared states liability. Well, I'm glad they decided that. I'm glad they read it again. We do need it. Who has guaranteed us protections in this compact? Who has said those protections are there? You folks don't need to worry. Those people in the country are just misinformed, they're anti nuclear zealots, they don't know what's going on. Whose told you that? US Ecology, their lobbyist, the power company, their lobbyist, the compact commission and their lobbyist. Who was right? Who was right? Not them, folks. The citizens who said, we're worried because