

there is no protection for this state. We think we're locked into a deal that is very bad for the State of Nebraska and we think there should be some changes. Now those same people who guaranteed that liability protection was there, the oversight was there, what's happened in the paper the last couple days, they're abandoning ship like rats from a burning boat. Well I didn't see that report, even though it's my duty to review it and okay it. I didn't know those money transactions took place, even though I must co-sign every money transaction over \$5,000, nonpayroll related. I knew that was in there. Did not the compact commissioner-director, Dr. Norm Thorson, of Nebraska, did he not know he was supposed to do that? Did he not read his own rules, and regulations and bylaws? Whose been telling you what folks, and how have you been voting? We need to take care of some problems. One problem we need to take care of first is the problem of who was watching who, who was in charge, who are these people you told us will protect our citizens? Who are they and where were they? They're running now, they're running with their tails between their legs. Gosh, I gave him a rubber stamp. If he signed my name, it was with that rubber stamp I gave him. Oh, okay, 1.5 million dollars, here's a rubber stamp, pop it on there. Are we a rubber stamp? Are we a rubber stamp for these power companies? We have been, we have been for three years and more.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And now we need to become a rubber stamp for the citizens. Say, you want protection, you want guarantees, you bet, we're going to look out for you. We're going to do what's right, we're going to proceed with this compact, if indeed it's the right thing to do. But we're going to lock up some guarantees, we're going to lock up some language, and we're going to look out for your, folks, the little people the ratepayers who are going to end up, if things aren't done right, being dumped on years down the road with the multimillion dollar power companies skipping off down the road, not worrying one bit about who has the liability of the waste they made all their money off of, cause they know, they transferred that liability to the citizens of this state. Folks, listen to the people, listen to what they support and have been trying to do for years, and let's work on this, let's get everything straightened out, and we're only talking the tip of the iceberg with the lack of credibility and oversight that we've experienced lately.