

definition will come here to Nebraska. Nebraska has two senators, as has every state in the union. Nebraska has only three representatives, so it is not considered a politically powerful state. There is no way, if a movement started at the federal level, to change the definition of low-level nuclear waste, that Nebraska would be listened to. There is no reason to listen to Nebraska. There are tremendous amounts of money involved in this entire area. Politicians sniff out and go where the money is, and the money finds the politicians. So politicians, at the federal level, will listen much more amiably to those who have money in their pockets than they will to a pitifully weak political state, like Nebraska, crawling on its knees saying, have mercy on our people. Senator Abboud touched on a very important area where we, as a state, we, as members of the Legislature, can do something. What is to prevent us from enacting very stringent liability laws? The stringency of the laws will fall on those who would have the responsibility to ensure that accidents and harm do not occur to the citizens. When somebody fights so hard against reasonable liability laws, it means that they have no intention of doing that which a reasonable, ordinary, prudent person would do in a similar situation. Now what I would like to see, in the way of liability, is strict liability. So there need not be negligence, just a failure of the system in any way. If there is no fault, in the form of negligence, on the part of the ones running the facility, there would still be liability because the people harmed are going to have expenses that must be met. The ones with pockets deep enough and full enough to assume the cost of that harm are the ones running the facility. So we need the liability laws. But we also need what Senator Morrissey is talking about, because my district was devastated by the north freeway. And the members of this Legislature agreed to allow that devastation to occur. They enacted special laws...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to ease the way of that freeway through my community, to destroy it. And it is a strong temptation for me to sit back and let this thing happen to the constituents of those people out there so they can see what an uncaring government and its representatives will do. And I do believe there's more concern about this situation than the one in my district, not just because we're dealing with nuclear waste here, and we're dealing with concrete, the disruption of neighborhoods, the destructions of homes, the rendering of