

this money to come. First of all, there is a provision within the Low-Level Act that no General Fund money shall be expent on the low-level, and rightly so. Again, we are bearing the burden as the host state for the benefit of five...citizens in five states. Three counties bore and are continuing to bear a heavy burden of this facility to the benefit of citizens all across this state and the power companies in this state and the power companies across five states. Indeed, the power companies had the ability to have some oversight on these funds. It's their money collected from them. They have every power to request and review and audit in their contracts for the commission, all of this money spent, also the money spent within the State of Nebraska. They failed in that responsibility, they let it happen, they let the money be distributed wrongly, thus the citizens in my district and some in Senator Dierks' district suffered because the law was not followed, a law we passed in this body was not followed. Again, now more than ever, on all the different issues we see going before us, accountability should be insisted upon by this Legislature. I'd ask those of you that did not vote to consider, please reconsider your vote. It's a good precedent to set. The money deservedly comes from this fund because of the people that did not use the oversight that they had the authority to do. This money has already been collected, no state funds, spread out among the ratepayers of the five states coming from the power companies where it should come from. These people are bearing the burden of the negative aspects of the siting of this facility and they have been many and you all are aware of what they are. They have been many. They're bearing that burden for the people and the power companies spread across five states. I'd ask you to do what's right to make a vote for accountability. Again, now more than ever, we need to make the statement that this body is ready to move forward and ask these state agencies to be accountable because tough times are here, tough times are ahead and if we can't ask for accountability, what can we ask for, folks? I'd urge you to support the amendment and call for accountability and do what is fair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Anyone else wishing to discuss the Morrissey amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Morrissey, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Quickly. It's imperative right now, as I said, to ask for accountability on all issues especially this issue where accountability has failed so miserably on all