

Court appeal? Why should we allow the committees to only be represented by the Attorney General? The monitoring committees, by the way, can only be represented by the AG in a lawsuit, the same AG Office that the other day when Mr. Ray Peery was asked to submit to a deposition, Ray Peery made a motion to the judge saying he didn't have to submit to the deposition claiming attorney-client privileges. Linda Willard, of the Attorney General's Office, the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, defended Ray Peery on that claim. She defended Ray Peery, the compact executive director, in a claim against the citizens of Nebraska. The AG's office did that. They claimed he did have attorney-client privilege, that he shouldn't have to submit to this deposition. That is the AG's Office you want to represent these people now. Linda Willard has been on this issue for a long time, longer than I have, and that is where she is coming from. Ray Peery does not have a license to practice law in the State of Nebraska. He has no attorney-client privileges, but the Attorney General's Office stood up and said he did, or, basically, defended his objection in saying that he shouldn't have to sign that deposition. That is wrong. I can't accept that, folks. I can't accept it. That is not a compromise. It is plain wrong. It is not a compromise. I can't compromise on that. We can't restrict the same citizens, who have proven to be the only ones that ask the tough questions, the citizens that provided the audit...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...that all the people looking out for us had access to for two years, two years. Never brought it into question. Who brought it into question? The citizens. Now you want to restrict their ability to protect their own. They were the ones that asked the questions about Ray Peery's potential misconduct, alleged misconduct. They are the ones that asked those questions. Nobody else. The power companies, after the fact, after it had been brought up in this body, in this committee hearing by the citizens of this state. Now you want to restrict their authority to protect themselves. Nobody else asked those questions but the citizens. The citizens brought the NRC's import authority and the DOE reports to this body. You don't care what they say, but the citizens brought them. The citizens asked the tough questions, and now you want to restrict their ability. I want to give them the ability...

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