

that some of the people on the compact and their facility review committee know that if we do it, it could cause a host state to come on line sooner, a different one, because they understand, they work for the power companies, they understand that there will be increases in these...in production of this waste. They do understand that. Or we can do what US Ecology wants, and just adopt it, make the state at risk.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Take US Ecology off the hook. You say one minute? Thank you. Again, why are they doing that? Why did US Ecology...this is a question to consider, why did US Ecology do it on their own? To do us a favor. Remember, this is the same people that were owed \$300,000 by the compact, it was overdue, they admitted they knew Ray Peery had an extravagant lifestyle, yet they didn't ask any questions, didn't ask any questions. Are these the people we're relying on to do us a favor? Are these the people we're relying on? They're the ones that licensed the facility, requested licensure contrary to state laws. I say, no. We adopt this now, folks, and then we move on. If the commission adopts it and feels its needed, they can do it on their own, and that will not put the State of Nebraska at risk. This potentially puts us at risk. I'd ask you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Morrissey?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: This amendment will put the volume back to 5 million cubic feet total storage. The committee reduced it to 2.6 for concerns of importation. Coincidentally, US Ecology's license was only...license application was only for 2.5 or 6 million cubic feet. Coincidentally, that was in direct violation of state law, direct violation of the intent and the understanding of all members of the compact. Now to do this on our own, as a state, if we adopt...if we do not adopt my amendment, we put the state at risk by changing the rules of the game that were understood, were written in our state law, and we take US Ecology off the hook for, one, submitting the application contrary to our state law. Why did they do it, folks? We don't know. And we put ourself at risk. There's absolutely no reason. The compact members can change this on our own if, indeed, all the other members do it, they vote for