

regulation. And I'm just, as Senator Coordsen would say, a simple, agrarian farm boy, and if my memory is correct, a federal regulation that's not been passed by Congress does not supersede a state statute. Therefore, if we take the statute away, which we do in the amendment, then we can do as they have done in Utah where, on private land, they have established a radiation storage facility such as we propose.

SENATOR HORGAN: And is this new information that suddenly come to us that indeed this is not a requirement? I mean, how does this, all of a sudden...I mean, we've totally changed this bill around and now we're saying exactly the opposite of what originally was talked about.

SENATOR ELMER: Well, I would assume, Senator Horgan, that after some exploration that was made after the Governor's memo came out and we looked into the thing, that why not do what the Governor requests. It seems like it's probably reasonable though it does go against some of those regulations. But since the permits have been issued, as he cites in Utah, this is probably the best course to protect the citizens of Nebraska from liabilities and...and to achieve some of the things that the Governor would like to in his negotiations with the compact.

SENATOR HORGAN: All right. Well, I think I remain confused but I'm inclined to support it. But I think perhaps between now and on Select File we ought to explore this a little bit further.

SENATOR ELMER: I agree.

SENATOR HORGAN: And as you said.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Horgan, I agree with that and that's part of what I stated earlier that we need to make some more in depth study of the issue before we debate it on Select File.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thanks.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Morrissey. Yours is the last light on, Senator Morrissey. Do you wish to use this as your closing?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, I would. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, what we're doing here with my amendment to the amendment is trying to eliminate the transfer of liability that