

everything. The key here is that that is a broad based policy question of liability, and that liability question ought to be discussed in its proper terms. And what it's done here, it's put to another amendment to kind of...to bootstrap it. The section that you ought to have amended was the statute of repose statute, but that was so obviously not germane that they just went ahead and picked another statute in low-level nuclear waste sites and stuck this in. Now in the past, I've talked about the statute of repose, did that in committee. This is not the proper place or time, this isn't germane to doing that. And if you look at the rule, it may be in the same area, because you're dealing with liability, but this is an entirely different concept, an entirely different area of the statute of repose, is one that I don't think is appropriate for this discussion. And this comes from someone who has traditionally been on the side of those who have opposed the waste site, but I just don't think that now is the proper time or place for this particular discussion, because I don't believe this is germane. If I have any remaining time, I'd give it to Senator Ashford.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Minute and a half, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well just very briefly, I think Senator Kristensen summed up exactly what I was going to say. I think that it is an issue that we do need to discuss in the proper time, given a full debate on this issue. This is an extremely complex question. And to open up debate of this issue at this time, I think, would be entirely inappropriate and premature. So I would concur that we ought not overrule the Chair on this issue.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. This is really a very simple, logical question. I sincerely and honestly agree in the ruling of the Chair. First of all...okay...first of all, the bill is only dealing with taking possession of certain tangible property, has nothing to do with liability. And I would urge everyone to sustain the Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: And I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Abboud.