

it adds certainty to insurers that there is a period of time of cutoff, That period of time is crucial to business. The amendment that I have strikes out Sections 17 and 18. Those are what the committee threw in there as the statute of repose. I suggest let's do this, let's take those sections out. Let's debate the merits of the High-Level Nuclear Waste Liability Act, which is important. And, by the way, if you will look in the amendment, there is a statute of repose for the high-level nuclear waste material, and so I would look at that carefully, and that is a forty year one. So the argument that we are doing is for high-level nuclear waste doesn't hold any water either. If you want to put in for high-level nuclear waste, let's have the debate on that, but a general repeal...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...of the statute of repose is not appropriate. I'd urge the body to adopt this amendment. Let's move on and talk about the underlying issues in the bill and save statute of repose, for I am sure that bill will be introduced, it is every year in committee, and have the substantive debate where it belongs, not here on some other bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Pedersen to speak to the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kristensen, I have been around forty years and maybe a little longer, in fact, about thirteen years longer, but I haven't been around long enough that I can't be taken, and not taken, but that I don't make mistakes. Being on the Judiciary Committee, I do not support this part of the committee amendment, but I am one of the ones who voted it out of committee, and I don't mind telling you because I am sure most of you have made mistakes too, it was on an afternoon, after we had worked late the night before, and I was in as much of a hurry as anybody else to get home, and when they made it, I am sure they said that this is the statute of repose, they did everything they were suppose to, and I was in a hurry to go home and I voted for it and hit the road. And the next day, Mary Kennedy came to me and said I didn't know you voted for...you were for the statute of repose, and I said I didn't know I was either. So I stand up to tell you I made a mistake. I support Senator Kristensen's amendment to the amendment, and I would not