

that is stronger than, I think Senator Will stated, or weaker, rather, than all but five other states who have a lower threshold, who think less, I guess, of their citizens, the protection that their citizens deserve, than we, I believe, as Nebraska policymakers should feel. I firmly believe that the committee amendments, as they are proposed, are a very fair approach to this problem that exists out there. It does allow for a limitation. It does protect those interests out there that, as Senator Kristensen said himself, this does not guarantee or mean that somehow there are going to be thousands or hundred or a number of lawsuits. There is nothing there at all in this amendment that ensures,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...provides for, or guarantees any of that will happen. All it says is that there is a window of opportunity for purposes of fault that is in a product that is manufactured, the vast majority of them outside the State of Nebraska, that hurt, injure and kill Nebraskans. Should those individuals have a responsibility, those manufacturers have a responsibility to Nebraska citizens? I think they should. I think that the forty-year time frame is, basically, a compromise. We ought to wipe it out altogether and let the liability stand if fault is found with regard to that product that is sold here in Nebraska. I would urge you to reject Senator Kristensen's amendment to the committee amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Dierks, to speak to the Kristensen amendment, followed by Senators Bromm, Pedersen, Kristensen, Maurstad, Will, Matzke, Lindsay, Abboud, and Pirsch.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I'd like to ask Senator Kristensen a question please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR DIERKS: If I read this correctly, and I think you said this in one of your comments, the statute of repose remains at forty years for high-level waste exposure, is that right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I would, and I was reading the amendment,