

combined, if we added them all up. So I think to remain in sync with current federal language, the forty years, which is now in federal statute, is what we should leave in this regard. So although I am in concern of what is happening in the process, I will have to oppose Senator Hall's amendment, and thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Again, I rise in support of the amendment, which says that we will treat all manufacturers, all suppliers, all shippers, all storage facilities the same in the State of Nebraska, and we won't have a special standard for one certain type of individuals because I think there will be the ability that what will happen is that it will cross over, and it will cross over not just to the, you know, folks that are involved with the hazardous waste. It will cross over to the people who package it. It will cross over to the people who load it. It will cross over to the people who ship it. It will...could, very likely, there is a possibility, depending on what the hazard is that causes the accident, if it is construction of a road, for example, the examples that Senator Abboud gave of the truck that because of the right-of-way in Omaha when it lost a bulldozer off the back end, it is very likely that the state could be liable in terms of these types of issues, and I just firmly believe that the ten year limitation is the policy that this body really wants to adopt. You know, we talk about federal...mirroring the federal legislation, and on the previous amendment, we said that we wanted to wait and see what happens at the federal level, that if we are going to take it to twenty years at the federal level, possibly, there was a couple of different versions that were floating in the House and Senate, and that twenty years was the something that we ought to wait and see what happens. The irony of that is is that twenty years, that what Washington is doing is really trying to cap. It is putting a limit on all those states that currently say, hey, look, we want to make sure our citizens are protected, and that twenty year, although it would hurt the vast majority of the states out there which have no statute of repose, it would actually help Nebraska because it would double the number of years that they could bring a case to court and decide whether or not that manufacturer had put a product out there that was unsafe. Yet we say here this one special type of area that we are going to have a 300 percent increase I think is what I heard, a 300 percent increase in the