

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: I want to see if I can't rectify that somewhat with this amendment. Maybe if that doesn't happen, I'd fall off the bill.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Would Senator Will yield to a question. Are you on the Judiciary Committee, Senator Will, I can't remember the...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: No, no, Senator Maurstad, I am not.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, are you familiar with the underlying part of this bill? And do you have an opinion of whether or not...whether the State of Nebraska has the authority to pass the legislation that is being considered here?

SENATOR WILL: I'm passively familiar with it. I think it is questionable. I would concur with Senator Hall that there is certainly an argument to be made that we are preempted.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Madam President, I am wondering whether or not 750 is even in the premise of what we ought to be dealing with at this particular time. I also rise in opposition to the Hall amendment. I think it is obviously being brought forth for a reason other than true policy consideration, and appreciate the opportunity to indicate so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise in support of the Hall amendment, and I think we need to...we need to take a step back and look at what we are talking about when we...since the body did just reject the portion of the committee amendment that would have extended the statute of repose for ordinary products liability. Now, ladies and gentlemen, think, what are you more likely to be injured by, or have your property suffer injury by, for that matter, high-level nuclear waste, or an ordinary product in the stream of commerce? In the area of high-level waste, we are talking about probably one of the most highly regulated industries that there is, and I think that the likelihood of injury occurring is a blip on the screen. It is negligible. Whereas, not often, but