

of recovery for Nebraska would be what? I guess I am just not...not sure how because I think there was, in the discussion we had last time, you said that there was a process and there was a hierarchy, if you will, of who would be held accountable, but I'm not really...I am just not clear on how that would be done.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I would be glad to get into that, but we are going to be getting into a level of detail which would take some time. I guess I would ask you, in light of the fact that the amendment has been withdrawn, do you think that is an appropriate discussion for this point in time?

SENATOR PREISTER: I guess where I am coming from is I am not sure how important the testimony, the transcript, here on the floor is and I understand sometimes people look back to that in their search for information about what took place on bills, and that...that's my reason for raising the question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, oversimplifying somewhat the order of liability, and I think this would be true whether...regardless of who owned the property, assuming the amendment was passed, certainly the order of liability would be with the developer, and then with the utilities, and those who supplied the low-level material that was sent to the dump and, finally, all the states, hopefully, equally as soon as the final amendment to the compact is finally approved.

SENATOR PREISTER: My question was really, how would we do that if there was an accident? How would we...how would the State of Nebraska, how would we protect those people in Boyd County? How would we do it? How would we collect? I don't know that we have anything, any mechanism to be able to do that, do we?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I assume, Senator, that the mechanism is to simply go back through the compact and ask the compact to make the appropriate request for compensation to the appropriate parties, and if they fail to do so, as with anything else, there would be lawsuits forcing them to do that which they are obliged to do. Does that...I am not trying to evade you can my...

SENATOR PREISTER: You are saying that we would have to go back through the compact, but the compact wouldn't be able to do anything to the states. How would we force any of the other compact states to actually contribute?