

that come even with just pure, purely the wreck of a train. And had they been carrying some type of a nuclear product, I'm certain that we would expect somebody to be held liable. One of those, two of those train wrecks were along property that I own and so I understand what can happen when this breakdown, when this breakdown occurs and a train does, in fact, jump the track and finds itself scattered all over the countryside. I'm appreciative of Senator Landis' attempt to compromise this piece of legislation to the point where all parties can support it, at least I assume at this point they will support it. And I also concur with Senator Preister that we need to continue to watch and look at what is being developed to make sure that nothing is left undone. So I don't intend to take a lot of time except to say that, again, I appreciate the work of Senator Landis and will be working along with him, I'm sure other senators too, as this piece of legislation moves forward, and hope we can see its passage for the protection of the people in the state of Nebraska, and certainly more importantly in my particular district where I'm sure there will be a great deal of traffic if, in fact, a great deal of this, these products are moved through on rails in that part of the state. With that, I appreciate the time and thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker...President and members, I, one more question, Senator Landis, I...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...probably didn't...you probably said this and I didn't catch it, but this is, if this brings Nebraska into compliance with federal law to the point that we can access that federal fund, is that the, one of the intent...so we can access this 9 billion dollar federal fund, is that accurate or...?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me do my best to explain the situation. There's a 9 billion dollar fund. It is an insurance pool based on premiums paid by utilities. That pool, that insurance program, is required by federal law, but it's not a federal fund in that sense, it's a federally required fund of insurance coverage. If you were to ask me what I think 750 does now I would describe it this way: It would allow a person who suffered injury in Nebraska because of exposure to high-level