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subject of defenses because that will be derived by an appropriate court from the substantive state and federal law. Let me just say again what I think the amendment does because it was the question that Senator Wehrbein asked me. What I think that the amendment will do and then the bill will do will give Nebraska residents access to the 9 billion dollar insurance pool without having to prove that somebody was careless in the creation of their exposure to nuclear radiation and the injury that they suffered. They will, and that that is a significant thing to do by state law, to remove the necessity, or to make it very clear that you do not have to prove carelessness to get recovery in the event there is an exposure to high-level nuclear waste. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment, Madam President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. The question before you is the adoption of the Landis amendment to LB 750. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Landis's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Landis amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Is there any further discussion on the advancement of LB 750? Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. Just briefly, again, I recognize fully that this is not an issue that is easily understood. I recognize that much of the language is couched in legalese and in federal legislation. I recognize fully that there is a lot of pressure to deal with this and to look at it from more of a utilities point of view. And certainly their perspective is well heard and well known to most of the people in this body. I think that our greatest interest and need for concern is on behalf of the citizens of the state and I would encourage each of you to, if not yourself, but your staff, to become more familiar with the issue, to be aware of the ramifications because I don't think we can be too safe in terms of looking out for the citizen of our state, particularly when we talk about waste that has been generated by