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compact. That means you have nothing to say about anything else. The case proceeds to...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...completion, and Nebraska loses. You're ordered to have the compact built in this state. You're not a part of the compact. You cannot store your waste in this facility, and you have nothing to say about any of the other activities. That's what you want to do? You cannot take advantage of your own misconduct. You create a bad situation, you think by now withdrawing from the compact, you're going to do away with your liability? No. I wish I were on the other side and you would withdraw. But I happen to be a member of this Legislature, so I'm going to have to be opposed to this bill, and I certainly oppose Senator Matzke's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I appreciate Senator Matzke's interest in this issue. On December 28th of '98, I received a letter from Fred Peterson, the CEO of OPPD, informing me that OPPD was joining the litigation against the state of Nebraska and named individuals. Here are some quotes from that correspondence: We feel it is our responsibility to try to recover OPPD's share of those funds for our customers, and that their involvement is necessary to protect the interest of our customer owners with respect to this issue. All their stated reasons were purely economic, that is their sole interest was to recover funds that they had spent. Their comments in the press also sighted only economic reasons. Their actions have shown that they have not been completely candid with us and the public. The complaint filed by the out of state generators and OPPD list as one of the actions they are asking the court to take as, one, remove from within the state of Nebraska's supervision and management any further aspect of the license application process. That's on page 28 of the complaint. At the hearing on the temporary restraining order, on March 6th, there was an exchange between Judge Kopf and Steve Bruckner, the attorney representing OPPD. Judge Kopf said, Mr. Bruckner, this is all about money, isn't it? Mr. Bruckner's reply, your