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development is that after that opinion came the license was denied. That's a new fact. A new fact often changes the course of litigation. The second very significant event is that we have had a judge look at the license denial and give a temporary restraining order that's followed then by a preliminary injunction and followed by a permanent injunction, but before a judge gives a temporary restraining order...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The discussion this morning, and I realize that a number of people have many things that they'd like to get on to, but this issue is probably the most important in terms of fiscal issues that you're going to face during the period of time that you serve in the Legislature. Even though we pass a 2.2 or 3 billion dollar budget every year, there's certainly much that's gained from that budget and the operations of the state, but in terms of an individual bill and the potential liability of the state, this is of the most serious of matters. And, quite frankly, the position that we've had, I remember standing on the floor with Senator Dierks and Senator Morrissey, at that time, and myself because we were the three districts selected, that everybody said those...those four or three senators, they're their districts, we're kind of glad it's not happening to us, and they've got to stand up and say the things they are saying and do and, quite frankly, the attitude was if we just wait, things will be okay. And so that's what we did, and, "Cap", that's what...that's what's happened. We waited. Things got a little worse. We actually had a referendum in this state about what to do, and the campaign was we can't do this, and if we just wait, it'll be okay. And there are...and Senator Chambers and Senator Brashear are correct, there is so much blame here to lay that you could write a pretty good book about it. And the trouble is that at some point in time, there is actually going to be more than just blame laid, there is going to be some responsibility laid. And the issue is going to be to what degree. And I don't know, and that's the reason I've switched my position over the years. I've been supportive of the site, not of the site, I should not say that, that's inaccurate. I've been supportive of the compact, of staying in