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hesitate to enter into the discussion because I feel inadequate when it comes to discussing this issue. We know it's been a contentious issue. Senator Beutler has certainly laid out the groundwork of the history of this compact and to say it's been flawed from day one would be an understatement. Is Nebraska to blame? I don't know. But are the power companies who funded US Ecology, are they any less to blame when they didn't even have an audit for three years? And where does US Ecology's responsibility come into this? And only an idiot would pick a site that they picked. And is Nebraska to blame for that? I don't have the answer to that, but is it any coincidence that all the rest of the compacts that were formed to handle low-level waste have failed? Does the federal government have any responsibility for getting us involved in this? These are a lot of questions I have and I don't have the answers to them. So, like I said, I feel inadequate when it comes to discussing this issue, but I would certainly oppose the bracket and I would like to get on with moving LB 530 forward. I will give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Speaker Kristensen would like to announce at 12:15 we'll move all claim bills that are on Select File. Senator Engel, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR ENGEL: I pass.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel waives. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm tempted to read some other aspects of the cases laid out by Judge Kopf but I promised to touch on some things relative to the Attorney General, so I must. And as Senator Quandahl advised, it would be good to read the entire opinion that Judge Kopf wrote. But I'm going to continue from where I let off with those multiple meritless lawsuits, reading from the opinion: In each instance, the suit was brought by Nebraska or closely related political subdivision against the commission or US Ecology. Nebraska lost everyone of those cases. In general, all the suits lacked merit. In one case, Nebraska's suit, brought by your Attorney General, that was my interposition, was so lacking in merit that I concluded, "the motion for sanction