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difficult to define, but not hard to take care of if you simply indicate which part of the act you intend this particular indemnifi...this particular agreement to fall under. So I think we need to take a look...we need to take a look at that. Having said all of those things, I'm convinced that they are in good faith looking to deal with those matters and that we can rely upon them to come up with material that will be satisfactory to everyone on Select File. And having said that, I would withdraw the amendment, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I appreciate Senator Beutler taking the time to visit and to look at the issue a little more closely. That was my intent when I first raised the questions, didn't have the answers last Thursday. And the three items that Senator Beutler mentioned I think are a good start in making some needed changes and some clarification to tighten up the broadness of the indemnification. And that's really the issue here is that we're indemnifying an out-of-state company and that raises some questions to me. I'm not sure if we really understand who Nuclear Management Company is, and from some information that I got, they are composed of four upper Midwest utilities and they formed Nuclear Management Company, which is a limited liability corporation, in February of 1999, to operate seven nuclear units located in five plant sites in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. A fifth facility joined NMC in 2000 which adds the sixth plant located in Michigan to the fold. There was some discussion on the floor about how good they were at managing those reactors that are under their control. From the information that I got from the Internet from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, it would show that two of their operations, actually three reactors while, as far as I can see, they have been under the operation of NMC have actually been downlisted, and that the Kewaunee reactor and two Point Beach reactors, Point Beach 1 and Point Beach 2, for a total of three reactors. That's not to say they are not a good company, but they're certainly not perfect either, and when they have also received some citations, then it says to me that there are difficulties in operating these