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you're looking at it, and you're agreeing also that this is not just the operation of a weed cutter in a ditch. It's not something that has no consequences. The half life of some of the waste from a nuclear plant will be around as long or possibly, hopefully not, but longer than this earth even is. We're talking about some very serious material and the precautions in handling that material extremely important to be done right. And we have made some mistakes. I don't say that in just blaming the current operators. We do need to find a better way to operate this plant and probably every plant in the country. We have not perfected the operation. We do have problems in many of the reactors. It's a policy decision that the country made to go down this road. We're there. I'm not trying to turn back the clock. As much as it may have been an idea, it isn't going to happen. But at this point to go forward, we should make a decision and that decision along with the board decisions should be the best decisions we can make. My amendment is simply asking for a two-thirds majority of an 11-member board. What can be so difficult about that? If they're making a...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...two-thirds majority vote on a salary increase, a salary increase is only something that some of their constituents might get a little upset with. It's not going to release any radioactive material into the environment. It's not going to endanger somebody's life. It's not going to have the potential for killing people, for crippling or maiming their children. We're talking about a decision well beyond just a policy decision or how much somebody makes for a salary. We're talking about indemnifying a company outside of the state of Nebraska, who we have no authority over, a company that's been in business for only four years, and that company we're indemnifying against negligence. And we're indemnifying them against more than just that negligence in the operation of this power plant. I think that at a minimum, I'd like to see more than what I'm proposing in this amendment, but a simple two-thirds...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.