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the contract, but at this point it's in the draft contract and it's pretty clear NMC would shift all costs, all costs, litigation, anything that would apply, directly to the ratepayers of Nebraska Public Power District. That's my concern. I don't think that the Legislature should condone that and go down this path, at least without my bringing some of these things to your attention, having them in the record, and giving members of this body one last opportunity to think about what they're going to vote on prior to voting on it. I would hope that you could support the return to Select File to adopt the amendment that would, at least in a small way, limit some of the liability that this bill has the potential to expose the citizens of Nebraska to. And that's the purpose of my, once again, drawing your attention to it, the purpose of this amendment, and the reason that I stand before you today, on a Friday, on Final Reading, at a time when you may very well want to be doing something else and moving on. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, just last night I had the opportunity to review the contract that Senator Preister has been talking about. Clearly, it's a boilerplate contract and it did mention Wisconsin rather than Nebraska, and I'm sure those details can be worked out. The concern I have, and I think the...let me back up. The timing probably of Senator Preister's amendment isn't the best but, on the other hand, I think if those in this body all had an opportunity to read the contract you wouldn't personally sign it. Indemnification is a very serious matter and it's problematic. Wholesale indemnification is very problematic. I'm sure we all in this body want Nebraska Public Power's Cooper Nuclear Station to operate efficiently and provide a very long-term and productive life providing power to greater Nebraska. What I find is that we probably need to review and return to Select File for discussion is the legal indemnification. As an example, if NMC is...happens to be sued by the Nuclear Regular Commission for violations, the ratepayers of Nebraska would pay for that. Under the contract that I saw, if NMC would sue the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for any obstacles or anything that may happen, the ratepayers of Nebraska pay for that. All