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SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Friend, your light is next.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Legislature, looks like Senator Chambers is busy. I was going to ask him a question about his amendment, but I can bypass that and talk about AM3477. I found this pretty interesting. I did a little general research, certainly not...certainly not very scientific, but the funny thing about this is, and I don't think this has really been brought out yet, obviously, this whole thing didn't occur overnight. This whole waste site problem and this whole low-level nuclear waste site problem didn't occur overnight. Nineteen eighty, I found a time line out there. There was an interim study done in front of the Natural Resources Committee in 1998. It included a time line. Nineteen eighty...I was in high school, I was...I was doing a lot of things, none of them even directly related to what I'm doing now, obviously...Congress passes the federal Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act; assigns responsibility for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste to the states and suggests the states organize regional compacts. Nineteen eighty-two, the Nebraska Legislature passes a resolution to join the compact, 1982, 22 years, folks. Who...somebody help me out. Who do we think we are, we can solve this in two years? We were trying to get out of this in 1987. This time line is unbelievable, if you can believe it. Twenty-two years, and we're trying...and we think that we can solve this with a couple of...who was calling it the slick lawyering maneuvering, that type of thing. Senator Erdman was three years old when this stuff was going on. Now I would...I would submit this. We were...somebody was asking...I guess Senator Chambers was asking the question. Until enough people get up...I wasn't sure I understood what he was asking until enough people got up and actually said we don't...that we shouldn't do anything. I guess that part of that means that we'll be here all night. I don't know. I'm not sure what he was getting at. But the point is, I say we do things, but we're not solving this, this year, folks. That's my prediction. I make predictions every time I get up, it seems like. My prediction is this isn't going to be solved.