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discussion this morning is very appropriate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, did you wish to use some of Senator Schrock's time?

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes, honorable President, I would like to do that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to do so.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Senator Schrock. This environmental covenants issue was introduced and it was brought to me well over a year ago. And I did look at it. I had some concerns at the time. Like Senator Beutler, I continue to have some reservations. I also see some benefits that it can provide. In looking at it, there were things that we thought needed to be adjusted. One of the concerns was liability. Should the cities, the counties, the states, should the municipalities assume financial...potential financial responsibility or liability? And it seemed that it would be better that they did not. There may not be a lot, but there's the potential that they could. And as a result of that, the sentence that we're striking, which reads, "The State of Nebraska, a municipality, or another unit of local government may not be a holder." A "holder" would be a holder of one of the covenants. So this would, as we discussed, preclude municipal government, state government, any political subdivision from holding a covenant. And the thought behind it was to not put that potential liability on these political subdivisions. If there is some harmonizing that may need to be done with other areas, I'm certainly willing to look at that or discuss that. But the rationale was, as Senator Landis adequately, I think, described, and I concur with, and also, Senator Schrock. So at this point, I'm still willing to look at it and make adjustments. I have some concerns. And I'm willing to listen at rationale. But since I'm primarily responsible for having this sentence in there out of that concern for liability, I thought I should at least rise and try to get more information of why Senator Beutler may want to do this. And since this is Senator Schrock's time, I do have my light pressed. And perhaps even on Senator Beutler's time, he could state more of...and I