

the repository for the low-level waste. We do not know at this time which state or which of the several states might decide to be involved but it is my belief that we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by becoming a part of the Central Interstate Group which I have described here in the resolution.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I guess the question I am asking is what are the advantages of becoming a part of that group as opposed to the other and why does the Legislature have to pass a resolution as opposed to simply waiting for the proposed legislation?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, number one, I will answer the first question first. The advantages of the Central Interstate Group are these. The states as I have...let me name them for you, Chris, Senator Beutler, so that we have them. The states are Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, and North Dakota. Those states are for the most part similar in size and similar in the amount of waste which they generate. If you will look at the other states, Illinois, Maryland, Delaware, Indiana, some of those states generate much higher levels of waste than does Nebraska by virtue of the population, by virtue of the industrial nature of their generators. So if we were to join the Central Interstate group, we are joining a group which have similar interest, similar generators, similar type populations, et cetera. The second reason why we should pass the resolution is to give some sense of direction as to whether or not this Legislature feels we should join in compact legislation in order that we would be able to join the group. Otherwise it would be...it might be an exercise in futility and it may not really be justified for myself and Mr. Drain, either of us, to pursue further meetings if the Legislature does not signify an interest in some sort of compact legislation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me just ask you one final question, Senator Schmit. By joining the Central Interstate Group, that is the one we would be joining, right?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is the likelihood of having those disposal facilities in the State of Nebraska any greater or not greater than if we joined the other group, in your opinion? Does joining one group or another, does that make any difference with regard to the likelihood of having those types of facilities located in Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very likely it would not make much difference,