

Senator Beutler. I would think that Nebraska would probably not be the site or location for the disposal of those wastes but we certainly would not want to be, in my opinion, a repository for wastes that were generated in, for example, the State of Illinois because of the tremendous amount they would generate contrasted with the waste that we would generate.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator, on your time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We would I do not believe probably be the repository if we joined the Central Interstates because there are states such as Kansas which have salt mines and other areas which lend themselves very well as a disposal site and, in fact, there are some people in Kansas who are interested in becoming repositories, not only Kansas, however, I might add, but the point is this, ignoring the fact does not cause those low-level wastes to go away. We are going to continue to generate them and they must be acknowledged and disposed of in some manner, and if we do not join a group, then we must provide some sort of despository here in the State of Nebraska at some time in the future.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I just wanted to get a little better feel for what kind of policy decision we are making here today and it does appear to be something that has to be done or should be done and I certainly am supporting the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker, we have up here in the North balcony some 6 students from Senator Wesely's District, from Riley School. Mrs. Hintz is their teacher, up in the North balcony, would you wave to us. Welcome to your Unicameral. Welcome. The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have a few questions of Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, will you respond?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I will try.

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: A couple of months ago, Senator Schmit, I met with some people from the League of Women Voters in Omaha who expressed interest in the nuclear waste compact and what they specifically said was that they had not been afforded any opportunity by Dan Drain to meet with him to discuss what was happening with the compact, to provide comments of their own concerning compact formation, to provide comments of their own concerning possible site locations