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for the low-level nuclear waste disposal areas and the like. Do you have any information as to what has happened in terms of public input to the decision making in this area?

SENATOR SCHMIT: There has been a group of people who have met with Mr. Drain and myself on a number of occasions. It is a very informal group and I am sure there are persons who are League representatives who are part of some of those groups. I have not been contacted myself directly by any member of the League even though I am listed as a representative and I am so designated. I have no objection whatsoever to receiving input from the League of Women Voters and I would certainly encourage them to contact me and I know that Mr. Drain would also encourage them to contact him.

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: I assume, Senator Schmit, that once we pass this resolution and the State of Nebraska does enter into a compact with the Central states, that when it becomes necessary for us to actually develop legislation that deals with siting, as I assume it would have to be done legislatively, that during the course of the development of such legislation, there would be adequate opportunity for public input, either through the public hearing process in front of committees or informally through indirect contacts. Would that be correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Johnson, in fact, the Department of Environmental Control plans to hold public meetings this summer clear across the state in order to give the public the opportunity to make comments relative to the type of legislation that we should draft.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Schmit, I also have some concerns and I would like to get your attention, if I could.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let me ask very simply, the proposed resolution will have, and very succinctly, if you would, will have what sort of impact? Is this urging the Department to explore the compact? Is this ratifying activities that have gone on and ratifying the formation of this compact? Just what exactly is the legal status of this resolution?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The resolution will do two things, Senator Newell. Number one, it will provide direction to the Department of Environmental Control to organize the public