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Nebraska wants to hide behind that language and I know for certain that Senator Newell does not want to hide behind vague and uncertain language.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Newell amendment and I do it for a couple of reasons, number one, we have got to pass a resolution in a positive vein so that the other states will then know we are going to join them, these other midwest states are going to know that we will join them in a compact, and we then are going to be received into the debate over that sort of an issue. If we don't enter into it in a positive vein, then they are going to say, wait, Nebraska, until you have indicated by your Legislature that you intend to join us in this kind of a thing. If you don't pass it in a positive vein, they will exclude us from the conferences and we will have no voice in it. Number two point, and the most strongest point of all, is that if we don't join a compact, we will then be all by ourselves and there is no surer way of guaranteeing that we will have a nuclear waste deposit site in Nebraska than to not join a compact. What it boils down to is we can in the conferences with the other states select a site that is acceptable to the total group, possibly not in Nebraska, a heck of a lot better chances of it not being in Nebraska if we join the compact. If we don't join the compact, we are absolutely guaranteeing that we will have to have a site of our own to deposit it here in Nebraska. Why wouldn't we? If we won't join the compact, they won't accept our waste so, consequently, we have to have one here in Nebraska to supply our own needs. So I urge the body to reject the Newell amendment, number one, and then pass this compact so that we at least will be in the picture with the other groups and can find a waste site not in Nebraska preferably. I ask you to reject the Newell amendment.

PRESIDENT: We are ready for your closing, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I kind of wonder what the debate is. I would like to explain one more time what my amendment does, and I listened to Senator Goodrich and he says we have got to indicate our intent to join. That is what my resolution says. It says, we change "will join" to "intent to join". We intend to join and then my resolution goes and adds a Section 3 and says we urge the Department to hold hearings so that the public can understand the merits of the proposal. What I am saying is is that I want a compact. There isn't anybody