

report of a speech at a Republican party meeting in Lincoln. On March 29, 1988, Mr. Paton from US Ecology said that "US Ecology has a plan that will put the facility in an area that does want it." I have not seen that plan. I think that we all have to answer to the people we represent. We all represent the same number. We represent about 32,000 people in this state. I think we also represent the total of the state, 1,600,000 plus or minus. The people in this state deserve to have their confidence in State Legislature and state government upheld and we'll do that by providing the right to vote on this issue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, again, I want to commend Senator Dierks for the time he has spent on this issue. He introduced LB 52 in response to what he understood was a need and certainly he has labored long and hard on behalf of that bill and he has every right, and if he sees it an obligation, to continue those efforts. And I only would just say at this time that his amendment is also not germane to the committee amendments by the definitions of the rules of the Legislature. Therefore, the proper procedure for Senator Dierks to follow would be to offer that to the bill. I'm not even sure it is germane to the bill, probably is, but nonetheless, it is not germane to any portion of the committee amendments and should not be allowed to be offered as an amendment to the committee amendment, Mr. President. I ask that you rule it not germane.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, you may respond to that germaneness challenge.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, there isn't one section of this bill that doesn't pertain to the right for the community to vote. Not one section of this bill doesn't detail that. Everything in this bill revolves around whether the community has the right to vote on this. I rest my case.

PRESIDENT: Here again, it appears that the amendments to the amendment may be germane to the bill, but it does not seem that it refers to the refinements set out in the committee amendments so, therefore, I would rule that your motion is not germane to the committee amendments. Do you wish to challenge that, Senator Dierks?