

Schmit amendment? Any discussion at all on the Schmit amendment? If not, those in favor of adoption of the Schmit amendment please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. The next item.

CLERK: The next item, Mr. President, is an amendment by Senator Schmit. Senator, this is AM1401. (See page 1734 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, this is, I believe, the last of the amendments to the bill by myself or any committee member that we have worked out at this time, and this amendment, which you should have a copy of is an amendment which reenforces the opinion of the Attorney General, number one, that a member of the monitoring committee shall be a resident of Nebraska. The second portion of the amendment says that if the appointment have not been made within 30 days after the effective date of this act, the Governor shall make those appointments, and if one of the persons is ineligible to serve pursuant to the requirements of this section shall be considered the equivalent of not making an appointment. The third portion of the amendment, which I believe is of interest to all of us, and particularly to the local areas, is that the acceptance of the funds distributed pursuant to this subdivision or subdivision (a) of this subsection shall in now way affect the siting process. There has been some concern by some of the communities that acceptance of funds might have an impact, positive or negative, for that matter, relative to the location of the site in the community. We want to make it very clear that the acceptance of the funds does not, in any way, change the responsibility of the community in regard to the siting process. So in plain language, you take the money, it doesn't mean you are obligated, it doesn't change it in any way. It just means that you have accepted the money pursuant to the statute and, Mr. President, I would answer any questions. Otherwise, I move for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the Schmit amendment? Senator Elmer. Senator Elmer, followed by Senators Dierks and