

people have made a good decision and the bad decision was made by the DEC to contest this position of Mr. Kaufman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I have the minutes here of the Compact Commission's meeting in December of 1987. Mr. Coleman (phonetic), who is the Compact Commissioner from Oklahoma is quoted as saying, once the...particularly with the idea of compensation of that community beginning prior to such time that there is a site there, obviously, the taking of the money, at least from my perspective, would be henceforth...there wouldn't be any backing out thereafter. Dr. Thorson from Nebraska, one, I agree with you that it would not be proper to pay out any of the compensation monies that are included here prior to the time the communities come forward and agree to participate in the process that they consented to hosting a facility. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, there may be some disagreement but it would appear to me that the creation of a local committee carries with it the presumption that the local committee is just that. It is a resident of the community, someone who has ties there, someone who is registered to vote there, someone who understands the particular needs and issues of the community. There is no reason why Mr. Kaufman, with all his many talents cannot be hired by that committee as a consultant, advisor, or geologist, whatever he is qualified to perform. But the...I do not know if the committee is, in fact, a subdivision of government but I believe that to the extent that they spend tax money they could be considered a subdivision of government and, as such, would have to...the appointee would have to be a member of the...a resident of the community. Let me give you a parallel example. For example, Nebraska has a number of checkoff boards. What would happen to the members of this body if we provided that there be a checkoff board made up of citizens, made up of individuals, we do not necessarily require that they be from a certain area, but someone might say, well, let's see, we think that Mr. So-and-So from Washington State has a peculiar ability to function as a member of the wheat board and we want to put him on there. We think that