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county, the unincorporated area. If I had proposed originally, ladies and gentlemen, that an out of state individual could serve as a member of the local monitoring committee, you would have scalped me and hung it out to dry, if that is possible. I am suggesting, ladies and gentlemen, that I am a little bit like Senator Kristensen, you really shouldn't need this, but for the reason, the opposite reason, it is so readily apparent that it shouldn't even be raised. The local committee is a local committee. It ought to be represented by local people, and they, then, can make the decision relative as to who they want to hire for advice and where they want to go for advice. I'd suggest that they are pretty well informed and becoming more so every day. If Mr. Kaufman wants to be their advisor and they choose to hire him, that is their prerogative, and, certainly, I would not disagree with their right to do so. But to serve...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...as a member of the committee, I think would be wrong and, secondly, and I think you ought to think about this a long time, you may be establishing a precedent which could be extremely dangerous. One of the things we do on this floor, one of the things that we look back upon time after time is what have we done in the past. If we establish a local monitoring committee and then allow someone to serve from out of state, we may very well carry that...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...possibility on into other areas and we may very well regret it. I oppose any attempt...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ... to not support the amendment.

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

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. As the person who with a piece of legislation known as 426 created local monitoring committees, I feel an obligation to at least stand up and talk a little bit about what I think the choices might be before us here today. I don't recall, ever, any discussion about what if an occurrence such as the one we are arguing about