

SENATOR DIERKS: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Schmit, would you like to close on your motion?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, in response to the comments by Senator Scofield, as she said, there was no discussion as to who should be a member of the local monitoring committee. If you say we shall put a farmer on the committee, why do you discuss if it should be a hog farmer, a cattle farmer, or whatever it is. If you say there shall be an engineer, why shall we discuss the type of engineer. It is mentioned, it is, in my estimation, it is specific. A local committee is a local committee, and you really can't have it both ways. You can't have on the one hand the presumption that local committees are not qualified to ask the right questions, to supervise, and do the other necessary responsibilities of the committee; on the other hand, to say we have got to have one to do those things. If you are going to do that, Senators, then we should make all members professionals, and we should forget the local committee and just say we are going to have a committee of professionals, and let them be chosen, let them come from wherever you will. If you have the expertise and you have the political clout to bring in a bunch of antilow-level waste site folks, let them do that, but let us not make a charade of the process. If you want to make a farce of the local monitoring committee, then, ladies and gentlemen, I would suggest you would let someone from Washington, D.C.. or New York, or some place else serve as a member of that local committee. And I would want to admonish you, as so often happens on this floor, the first step you take down a course doesn't seem too far off base, you can get away with it, but it is just like starting out on an airplane trip from Nebraska to the west coast. If you are off a half a degree here in Lincoln, Nebraska, you are not off very much by the time you get out to Hastings, but let me tell you something, ladies and gentlemen, by the time you get to the west coast, you are going to be way off down here somewhere between North Carolina and Florida. And so you want to remember, when you deviate from what is normal, what is accepted, what is