

site for the...or the first and second site as probably being a likely site of hazardous waste in Nebraska? The response was this. We have been assured by, as much as they can, that...the state DEC that Nebraska probably will not be one of the states where this will be located. Senator Beutler then asked, what criteria would indicate that it is not likely to be in Nebraska? The response from the introducer. The Department of Economical Control...should have been the Department of Environmental Control, assured us that in their opinion the chances...the chances of us being chosen is very small. Senator Beutler persisted on this point and later in that debate on March 25, 1983 he asked another sponsor of the bill, is it your opinion, Senator, that Nebraska probably will not be the disposal site? The answer that he got was, I don't suppose there is one chance in a hundred, Senator, that we would be a repository for the low-level waste site. That bill passed, as you well know, with a substantial majority voting in favor of it. No one expected Nebraska to be the waste site location but here we are with a nuclear waste site...nuclear waste dump on the verge of being constructed in our state. And what about the people's right to speak on this? Well, we've heard the quotes from Senator Dierks and he quoted the Governor's office that said, they're seeking solutions to the state problem, protecting the interests of all Nebraskans, have great faith in the ability of local citizens to reach sound judgments once they are presented the facts. The assurance was made the US Ecology and the compact will not locate a facility in a community without that community's consent. And we talk about community's consent time and time again. I would like to repeat the statement that Jay Ringenberg for the Department of Environmental Control said. He said, the facility will not be built anywhere in the community that does not want the site. I'm here to tell you if you don't want the site, you don't get the site. We close our books and go home. It seems to me that all of these quotations and indications of how the people of Nebraska and the legislative body in 1983 was misled by this entire proposal, they were given assurances of a right to vote and they have not...that promise has not been kept. One of the responses that has often been made was, well, Initiative 402 that was voted on in the last election, that was a confirmation of this whole process. But I submit to you that it was not. It is essential that we avoid any confusion between the November vote on Initiative 402 and the legislation on the right to vote.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.