

Governor Kerrey, whose laurels you tout very happily and who I happen to like, personally. But it was Governor Kerrey who signed the bill into law and I will not stand here and have this administration defiled for carrying out the mandate that was vested upon her by Governor Kerrey and myself and other members of this body. Governor Kerrey accepted his responsibility and he did so knowing the consequences, more so than most of us perhaps. He acted responsibly as Governor of this state. Governor Orr has acted responsibly. This Legislature has acted responsibly. As I recall, it has not been very long ago when this county and this city went through all sorts of comp...of problems trying to locate a solid waste site. Had there been a vote on that, do you suppose the people out along Highway 77 would have agreed to it? I think not. I drive that road frequently. I saw the billboards placed out there. I don't think those farmers wanted that site whatsoever, not by a darn sight. But they've got it and they live with it and they live with the waste, the solid waste from the City of Lincoln. As I drove over my farm Sunday, I found a half dozen washing machines dumped on my farm by someone. I don't know who they were, but I live with that kind of nonsense. We understand the responsibility of taking care of our own waste, our own trash, our own debris or hazardous waste. On this floor, many of us for many years have tried to do the responsible thing. We did the best we could with the knowledge we had.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Maybe we didn't have all the knowledge we should have had, Senator, but for you to stand up here and speak in terms of deception and deceit, deliberate deception, I resent it, I will not accept it and I tell you this and I tell...I told Senator Dierks last night, I will do everything I can to give the people up there a voice. We have done that. The waste has to go somewhere. Hot waste has been stored in Nemaha County for 20 years and no one down there has suffered any physical problems. Five people died in railroad accidents last year in this state, down from 13 a year ago. Thirty-eight people died in on-farm accidents last year in this state. Hundreds of them died in traffic accidents. Stand up, if you want to, Senator McFarland, and belabor and belittle the efforts of people who have tried to cut those deaths but don't stand here and accuse those of us who did what we knew had to be done and accuse us of lying and deception. I will not abide by it.