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SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It did not take place and I will not stand for it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen, Senator Smith on deck.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Schmit, I think you're right. You know, as a newcomer I probably don't have the benefit of looking at the process and I respect the things that you have done and I respect the process that's had to take place so far. And I respect the fact that you have to make tough decisions about this issue and that we have taken the bull by the horns and placed some restrictions into law and placed some good licensing requirements and my benefit and my views are those of a year and have seen what it has done to a county. And I want to relate a little bit to you about what I have seen and that's a sad process in Nuckolls County at the moment. You know, when they were voting on 402, I was down there campaigning at the same time and most of the discussion I think was like every other county that I was in and probably that you were in whether you were campaigning or watching the issues as they went along, 402 was really a vote of shall we stay in the compact? Should we abide with our agreements that we had to stay in the compact with the other states? And I voted for that and I agreed with that I think we should stay in that compact. I think it's far fetched that the people believed that they were voting on whether they were going to accept a site in their local community. They were voting on whether they should face up to their obligations. They didn't like the idea of putting a site in the State of Nebraska anywhere but they knew that they had some obligations and they were going to live up to those obligations and so they voted for 402. I think Senator Dierks was correct. If you read nothing else this morning, look through the community consent handout that I handed out and it's by dates and it's by statements that have been made. And my views right now are coming from the people in those communities and what do they expect and what have they been led to believe. I don't think people have been deceptive. I don't think that there has been behind the door tactics but I think it's everybody who has been very vocal and very positive putting forth the things that they need to do. Norm Thorson, for example, and Dennis Grams and all the people in the DEC, the people with US Ecology have been trying to do what they think is the right thing to do. What's amazing about