

this and the reason that I think it's important for you just to glance through this is I have done it by dates and you will notice a very curious thing. We start out December of '87 with strong statements. No community is going to get this without their consent. If you don't want it, you're not going to get it. And, as we got closer to the November election, look through the statements, they get a little stronger and they get a little stronger. In fact, go on to the third page, in October, just a few weeks before the election is when the major things were said about local consent and local control. The facility will not be built anywhere in a community that doesn't want the site. And that was done, basically, as an assurance to the people, look, vote for 402, let's stay in the compact because you've still got the right as a local community to vote on this issue. Now that wasn't deceit. That was a way of making sure that 402 was going to be defeated and that we were going to stay into the compact. And as soon as that election is over, then start to look at the next set of quotes. We will try to gain some measure of support. It's not a legal requirement of local involvement. Go on to the next page, it get's...as we get away from that election, once we knew we were in the compact, then everybody backed away from the local vote and the local concern. US Ecology were not bound to pick a site where they have shown support. We're not going to put it...or we're not...we might select a finalist from a county in which support has been withdrawn. And, finally, at the end of January of this year, we may have some sites with different levels of support. We may not have the entire county. Basically, what's happened is that we made all those promises and led those people to believe...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that they were going to have some voice in what was going to happen. I don't want to miss federal deadlines. I don't want fines. I don't want the state penalized for not complying with the federal law and I want that to occur. But, quite frankly, we need to let these people have their vote, locally. Yes, we have had our state vote and that state vote was to stay into the compact. But you can see from these comments and this sheet is what changed my mind. I really didn't think that we should have a local vote until after I read all the things that were said and promised to those local people and these people, basically, rely on us and they take us for our words. And they took us for our word that we needed to stay