

Legislature, is a microcosm of what I am talking about. Because Senator Schmit recognized the fact that he didn't have the expertise to explain those matters as well as Senator Kristensen, he selected an individual with the ability necessary to make the matter clear. When we have a community that is going to have an item imposed on it that it may not want, there are other things besides just the imposition of that waste facility that may be of concern to them, matters related to liability, protection for the public and so forth. If these members of the monitoring committee were going to be imposed by somebody outside the community, I would agree 100 percent with Senator Schmit's amendment. But what we're talking about here and what I'm suggesting in my amendment is that the municipality involved, the municipality which under the law is to have two members selected for serving on this monitoring committee, if that municipality wants one of its representatives to be a nonresident of Nebraska, it should be that municipality's prerogative to have that request honored. It is a situation where I have some sympathy for the people who are in that municipality. Some years ago a highway was going to cut through my district. I sought help from the Legislature in mitigating the damage, hopefully, to stop the highway. I had about four or five senators who showed any concern whatsoever. So what I ought to be doing is sitting back and having my revenge now and watching the community from the area represented by those senators who frequently show no concern whatsoever for what happens in my district, watch their people squirm. But as we often say on this floor, our job is to be a state senator and try to rise about how we may feel personally on an issue or even toward the people who may be affected by it and do that which is right. So I think this amendment is a move toward doing, to some extent, what we, as a Legislature, should do as a minimum. The last vote that was taken took away any opportunity for the affected people to vote on whether or not they would have one of these facilities placed in their midst. Senator Morrissey touched on the number of nuclear facilities of various description which are in disrepair. He didn't mention how the federal government and federal regulatory agencies have engaged in deliberate attempts to withhold from the public information about the defects and flaws and even some accidents that have occurred in some of these nuclear facilities. The public has no justification in trusting the federal government. They have little reason to trust this Legislature and they certainly have no reason to trust the company who, for profit motive alone, wants to put in this facility and make as much profit as