

possible. The way to maximize your profit is to require as little expenditure from what you're going to be paid as possible. This is an amendment which I think is eminently fair and it does not take away any rights of any other agency or entity that is to place people on this monitoring committee. The exception that the amendment proposes relates only to the municipality which is to place two members on this monitoring committee. So what I hope you will do is look at the language which limits the number of members that would be nonresidents to the one selected by the municipality. There should be nothing objectionable to allowing a municipality to select its representative. How many people in this Legislature, if we had some serious water disputes with other states, would say, Nebraska must hire a lawyer from the State of Nebraska only? Even if there are lawyers in other parts of the country who may have dealt with these water issues, Nebraska, by law, is prohibited from seeking the expertise that is best able to protect the rights of the state. We would not do it because the state is a powerful political entity, lawyers are a powerful interest group. But when it comes to a small municipality representing very unsophisticated people we tell them that even though you may not understand the law on which all of this is based, you certainly don't understand the factors related to a nuclear waste disposal facility, we are going to require you to place somebody on this monitoring committee who may not have any idea about what's going on but we want to make a perfunctory showing of representation. So we're going to straitjacket you to ensure that you do not place somebody who has the understanding, who can deal with these people *mano a mano*, that's not what we want. We want the contractor who is going to place the facility to have at his disposal people from anywhere in the world. Is there anything in this law that says that this ecology company cannot call on experts from other parts of the world to sit in on these activities? No. Is there anything that says they can only obtain expertise from people in Nebraska? No. They can spend any amount of money to hire anybody in the world they choose to make their point. They could bring in a battery of lawyers from New York, from Washington, D.C., from anyplace to represent their interest. It doesn't do this municipality any good to be told, well, you can go out and hire somebody who cannot participate in the developmental discussion that leads to decisions. That person can have no vote on the multiplicity of issues that may require a vote. It would be very similar to the situation that obtains when a person is called before a grand jury. You go into the