

SENATOR WESELY: No, I give the rest of my time to Senator Landis.

PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, I wasn't listening. Excuse me. You have a minute and a half, little bit more.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, you can take a look around, apparently we lost interest in this issue once the voting issue came and went. And, frankly, that...I voted no on that and I will tell you why. Don't think we needed to add a new hoop to jump through. We're on this compact, we're supposed to have this program. We've got to do our duty. There's got to be a low-level radioactive waste site in this state and the new hoop of the voting, I think, was too much. But this question is different. This question is what...is us saying to the locals, we'll tell you who you will have faith in. We'll tell you who you should put your trust in. No, no, no, you don't get to choose, we're going to narrow the list of people that you can choose from to have your faith in and then we expect you to have faith in that system. I ask you if you were charged with a crime and you were at risk and the state had a prosecutor and they said to you, I'll tell you what, you've got to come into court yourself, got to defend yourself, don't know the rules of evidence? Too bad. Don't know the rule of law? Too bad. Never done an investigation before? Too bad. Got an expert on the other side? Too bad. It's you and you alone. You're the one whose life is at stake. You're the ones whose interest are there. You should have faith in yourself, you get to represent yourself. Don't get to find yourself an expert or a gladiator or whatever, the state will have one but you don't get one, but you've got to have faith in yourself and you've got to think that the system is fair. When we're all done you've got to buck up, gulp it down and say, well, I was treated fairly. People who get to decide for themselves conclude that they were treated fairly. People who get to decide for themselves who they have faith in believe they were treated fairly. And if you don't extend this, don't think they're going to have faith in the process because they won't. Senator Schmit made a good faith effort when he said, I'm going to vote for this amendment, I hope those of you who are concerned about building this radioactive low-level waste plant follow suit. That, I think was a good faith effort to cross the chasm of differences that exist in this state. I intend to follow his lead. I hope you do as well. Thank you.