

outside of the state and select a nonresident of Nebraska to serve on an official body. This monitoring committee, Senator Elmer, is not going to fashion any laws, ordinances or rules of conduct that will govern the activities of the citizens of this state. We're not usurping any political prerogatives of any elected body or group. Monitoring means what it says. They're going to watch, they're going to observe, they're going to pay attention to what is happening. They will be in a position to try to influence what is happening. And for us to take a municipality and leave it naked I think is patently unjust and I think it is unconscionable. I realize that US Ecology apparently has a lot of power. I realize that they have expended hundreds of thousands of dollars in various ways to make sure that they get this job and I don't blame them at all. They're doing what they're supposed to do and what we expect them to do. But our concerns, as representatives in this body, is to try to give to the citizens who are going to be affected some opportunity to be in the game. And we are saying, with the amendment that I'm offering, that the municipality involved, the one that the law directs to place two members on the monitoring committee can select as a member whomever they choose. If we impose somebody, then that would be inappropriate. But this is allowing the municipality which has acknowledged...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that it lacks the wherewithal to be adequately represented on this monitoring committee by somebody from their own community, we're allowing them to make a selection. There should not be so much fear from one person and already there are questions being raised about just what it is we, as a Legislature, are doing when it comes to low-level nuclear waste. Are we throwing away the present and mortgaging the future of the people in this state by knuckling under to the strong lobbying that can be expected on an issue like this? This amendment will give us one voting opportunity to show that we want those who are affected to be in a position to select whomever they feel can best protect their interests. Why do we say the municipality will place somebody on the monitoring committee? So that their interests will be taken care of. So why give them that and then deny them the right to make the best choice? I hope you will adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.