

time, it never got down to my name. I stand to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. This is admittedly a very difficult subject, one that we all wish would go away. But, unfortunately, it is not going to go away. And, as has been mentioned on this floor previously, we are here getting pressure from our constituents that really it's not the fault of this Legislature. Here we are doing what we are mandated to do by the Congress of the United States, and we would rather go back to the old system, but the Congress has said we will not. And so just to briefly trace the history of this, under the compact system, as you well know, we had the choice of joining the compact or not joining the compact. And what was that choice? It really wasn't much of a choice at all because we had to dispose of Nebraska's waste if we did not become part of the compact. That does not make a lot of sense because it's much more efficient and cost-effective and probably safer to do this on a cooperative basis with the other states. So that's what the committee chose to do that, this Legislature chose to do that, and the State of Nebraska in the vote last November chose to do that. So that's where we are here today. Now the vote on the voting...local vote that we had this morning, what were our choices there? Okay, the public said, last November, we will remain a part of the compact, we will remain a part of the compact. So given that scenario, what would we do? Would we allow each of the 93 counties to vote to not have it in that county, where then we have the situation where the state as a whole says we're going to have a facility in this state, but we're not going to have it in any of the 93 counties. Now that just does not make a lot of sense. How many highways would be built if we did not have the power of eminent domain? You know there are some things that transcend the rights of the individual. We have said that the power of eminent domain is important to this state for certain restricted uses. We do not have that power, or the compact does not have that power, but it does...it has also not given the power of the counties to vote out of the facility location system, because we really cannot do that. We have two conflicting proposals here, and one of them had to give. We have only the authority to deal with the right to vote, and that was handled this morning. So I ask you not to indefinitely postpone this bill, as much as we would like to. And I'm probably one of the most...one of the persons that is most interested in local control, I think you all know that.

PRESIDENT: One minute.