SENATOR LAMB: But I see, in this case, that we could not have that local vote. We are trying to get this bill in the best shape to protect the public. I think we're working toward that end, and I ask that the bill not be indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Weihing and Senator Schmit. Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. One of the questions brought up on the two previous amendments were the federal milestones and our great concern was meeting these federal milestones. Again, I would maintain this body should not pass bad legislation simply to meet federal milestones. Let's look at how important these federal milestones are. We are....California is ahead of us, and I think we are second, and the majority of the rest of the states are out of compliance with these federal milestones. What's happening? You hear anything about that in the news? Is there big headlines that they're all being shut down, they're losing their power industry, they're losing their medical industry, they're losing their universities? Is that in the headlines, or have I missed it? Second of all, let's look at the NRC itself. Public Law 99-240, Section 8, subsection (a), not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of the Low-Level Radio Active Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985, the NRC shall, in consultation with the states and other interested persons, identify methods for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste, other than shallow land burial and establish and publish technical guidance regarding licensing of such facilities; 1985, this is 1989, that federal milestone has not been met. There are, at the present time, no federal regulations addressing above ground storage of nuclear waste. Pretty important milestone. Wasn't met, what happened? Nothing, because they're making a conscious effort to address that. We are making the effort. We will site this facility, but we cannot ignore the problems that really do exist with this facility. Then in debate on Nora and Mr. Kaufman, the question was one of a noncitizen having an effect on this process. Let's look who is in control of this process and in control of the destiny here. An Attorney General Opinion, with regard to whether the commission is a public body subject to the Nebraska Public Meetings Law, or an agency subject to the Administrative Procedures Act, I'll quote from that opinion. It is not a political subdivision of the state, speaking of the commission, nor can the commission be defined as the governing body of the