

wrong only time will tell. But regardless of whether or not we were to indefinitely postpone LB 761, the reality of the storage of that low-level waste is here and we must face that. LB 761, as amended thus far, still subject to amendment in the future, does provide additional safeguards and additional compensation, additional consideration for those areas or that area which will ultimately be the repository for low-level waste. I believe that we have to recognize that waste will be stored with or without LB 761. And with the passage of 761 we are in a better position to safeguard the interests of the people of the State of Nebraska and particularly those people in the local area where the site is located. I think we should not indefinitely postpone the bill. I ask you to vote against the indefinite postponement motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, please, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise somewhat reluctantly to oppose the IPP motion because there are many concerns I have with this bill. I am a co-sponsor with it, but many of the things that we've discussed so far have caused me great problems. One of the problems that we talked about a little bit ago was the appointment of Mr. Kaufman onto the Nora board. I want to talk to you a little bit about what Nora is and what Nora is not. I just went and got the 1989 Nebraska Director of Municipalities, and looked at the population of Nora. It says the population of Nora is 24 people, that's half the size of this body. And those people feel very inadequate when it comes to dealing with problems that... Look how much trouble we, as a body, who've spent years, Senator Schmit whose spent many years studying the issue, learning the intricacies of low-level waste and of all those sorts of things, and still we grasp and "grapple" with all the problems of nuclear waste and the fears and the problems. The people of Nora have that concern, and what they are saying to us is, look, there aren't hardly enough adults in this community to run itself, but yet we've been placed with the large burden of having to be the monitor, the watchdog for the entire state. We have one of nine members that represent this monitoring committee. The monitoring committee is not a decision-making body, they are not going to make binding recommendations on the State of Nebraska, as much as we may want them to. What they are is they are the watchdogs, they are the people that need to ask the tough questions, they are the ones that need to keep