

after it and say what if, what if, what if. And that is really the reason that the Chambers amendment is so important to those people, it's a symbolic move, but it's also a very important, practical move for those 24 people that live there. I guess I also want to talk a little bit about the bill itself and how important it is that we have these protections. I think the reason that the people in Nuckolls County, as I've talked to them, are so concerned, the more they find out, you know these aren't people that read two or three headlines and become extremely scared and afraid. These people read everything, I mean absolutely everything that is given to them. They know so much about this issue and they read both sides. But the more they find out, the more they realize that there is a tremendous amount of problems and things that we haven't looked at, and that is the reason that they want the opportunity, through like a right to vote, or through public discussion, or feel that they have some input because they've gone to a tremendous amount of effort and work to become informed about this. LB 761 doesn't go far enough for many of them. And your response may be to them, well, we can't respond to every hypothetical, we can't respond to every problem. But through this process they found out that this waste site isn't just something that will happen and in 30 years it will be gone. Some of the things that are going to be put into this waste site, they aren't going to blow up, they aren't going to burn everybody, but they have the tremendous, tremendous life. They're going to be around for many, many years. And the possibility for them that there could be some damage after the 30 years, after 100 years, some of these things have tremendous half lives of several thousand years. You know if you stop and think even just 200 years, that's a tremendous amount of time. The only person that might still be around might be Senator Moore in 200 years. (Laughter.) You know it's a tremendous amount of time to look at a problem like this. And these people are scared that most of us don't realize what a risk we're taking. It isn't a risk for tomorrow because tomorrow all of us are going to be concerned, in five years we're still all going to be around and we're going to be concerned about this issue and we're going to watch it, but what happens after 30 years?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And that's the type of things that have led them to come into us and say do something, listen to what we're saying, because we've done a lot of research and found out. I