

have that passion diminished as a result of not directly being affected. And it's important that all of us don't become numb as a result of the fact that now 90 out of the 93 counties are not affected, only 3 are affected, but we still must be concerned for those 3 counties, we must care about those counties. They may not be our counties, they may not be our districts or our people, but in fact they are our state's responsibility and we all share in that responsibility. So I care very much about this issue and will vote to give the right to vote and the right for representation, simply because if it was in my situation in my district I'd want that, and in fairness we ought to provide that to these senators with their districts being represented here. So that's the reason I feel that we should reconsider and vote for the Chambers amendment and for the right to vote amendment that Senator Dierks had. With that, I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: You have three and a half minutes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I must be brief because of the short amount of time I have left. But I would like to ask Senator Elmer a question, if he's near his mike.

PRESIDENT: Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is he back there?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Elmer, who ultimately and definitively will define low-level waste?

SENATOR ELMER: The federal Department of Energy.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is there that guarantees us that the definition that we think exists now will not be changed? What guarantee is there that the definition will not be changed?

SENATOR ELMER: What guarantee is there that this law we're passing today won't be changed by another Legislature?