

facility, or whether it's a low-level radioactive waste site. What we have before us is a congressional mandate. We either have to go it alone, or go with the compact. We decided three or four, maybe it's five years ago now, that we'd go in the compact, and I think that was the right decision to make. We've had many hearings on different types of radioactive...low-level radioactive waste site bills. I remember that there were only four or five to the first hearing that Senator Schmit had under, I believe it was the Ag Committee, or maybe it was under the Natural Resources Committee, I don't remember anymore. But there was no opposition, nobody seemed to care. And I will give Senator Schmit a lot of credit to holding these hearings, he was very patient, very understanding, and I thought that he conducted these hearings at a very high level. I hated to see some of the members of our group pick on him this morning. Governor Kerrey signed the first bill that we passed, and I believe this bill was passed unanimously by this body, or nearly unanimously. But Governor Kerrey went ahead and signed it. I think the present administration is handling this problem very well. And there is many, many others here on this floor that should be commended in handling this in a very fair manner. But I want to ask this body, was there a vote taken when we built our two nuclear plants in Nebraska? I don't believe there was. And we've been very successful in generating power from our nuclear power plants. We did build one at Hallam a little earlier, but the design wasn't quite right, and so they put that out of...they decommissioned that one. But I feel very safe with our two plants that we have in Nebraska. I've been able to tour both of them and I think they're very beneficial to our state. How many people have been killed by our nuclear power plants in Nebraska? I don't know of any, and I think that's been discussed on the floor. How many people have been killed in the United States? I don't remember any, but yet when a plane crashes and kills two or three hundred at a crack, we don't do too much about it. This year there will be between three and four hundred people killed in automobile accidents. We won't do anything about it, will we? Well we'll talk about it and maybe we should drop the speed limit, maybe we should wear our seat belts and things like that, but we really don't do anything to address the problem. I had an opportunity to tour...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...Three Mile Island a couple of years ago.