

absent the request for a veto. That's not cricket. But beyond that we need to give those folks the fairest, most reasonable means to find a good site and to have that site be safe, to have it represent no danger to the health, to make sure that it's adequate remedy should it be a danger to health and the like. We should not impose upon them our perceptions, whether we think they should be ready to staff these committees, whether we endorse their notions or not, whether we think they should be able to find somebody in their community, whether we think they should have an insider or an outsider, and for us to define for them what an insider and an outsider is. We've dodged the bullet, and having dodged the bullet. Short of giving over veto power to the locals we should listen very carefully to what they tell us are their needs to find a safe, secure site in this state to meet the obligations of the compact. So far 761 does not do that. So far 761 has made some accommodation, but still sits here in a paternalistic point of view that says we'll tell you who you should trust. And that is an egregious error. I look forward to the Select File debate because this bill is not done. And I suggest to us all that we are...should be humbled by the fact that we've dodged the bullet,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...the others of us, by the way I didn't see a single vote up there from a county that was affected telling them who they had to have on their committee. But for the others of us who are from the other 90 counties, we need to listen again, as sensitively as possible, to what they tell us they need to live with this process. And so far the Legislature has gone only part way down that road. Select File, I think, will give us a chance to continue down that road and we should do so.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. My comments are to continue with what Senator Schmit has so adequately stated relative to cooperation from so many people over the years on this issue. We do need to think about the broad picture and to keep in mind the relative risks that we are taking. Nuclear power is the cleanest, safest, most environmentally sound source of electrical power that we currently have. Fusion power holds much for the future. With recent developments, that looks much