

live in this state, they are not amenable to the people of this state, they are not accountable to the people of this state, yet it is their collective judgment that has caused us to be in the position of debating the siting of this facility and the other issues associated with it. So since those nonresidents helped create this problem, I don't see anything unreasonable about allowing a community on its own to select a person who happens not to be a resident of Nebraska to represent their interests. As I touched on the last time the matter was being discussed, President Bush claims as his residence a vacant lot in Texas, no house, nothing on it. So the concept of residency is very artificial, it is abstract and it changes based on the reason that a person has for declaring one place to be his or her residence rather than another. So the real issue is not where that person lives but the positions that person will articulate and his ability to represent the interests of people who feel that they would be victimized were they denied representation of their choice. So to sum this up, my amendment simply allows one of the representatives of the municipalities to be a nonresident. I think the amendment is imminently fair. There is no rational argument that can be raised against it and I hope you will adopt it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the Chambers amendment. Ladies and gentlemen, I would remind you that that is against the rules. We've managed to retain a certain amount of decorum. We will have no demonstrations from the balconies of any kind. I know you'll understand. Senator Kristensen, would you care to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support the Chambers amendment wholeheartedly. We really discussed and debated this at some length the last time and there were a lot of other issues flying around that day and I think that a lot of people have lost track of what we're really talking about. And Senator Chambers' amendment goes to the monitoring committee and what does that monitoring committee do or what is it supposed to be doing? Right now the monitoring committees are up and operating and they are just beginning to work and now is the time to address this. This is not one of those issues that we can put off for next year or the year after. This is one of those groups that we've got to address right away and I'll have some other amendments to do that. But I want to read to you from the statutes about what this committee is supposed to do. These committees shall represent