

local monitoring committee for? It is to have available local monitoring ability from the local area. It does not say that the local committee cannot hire outside expertise. If, in fact...and I have not said this but it has been said on this floor that the local committee does not have the knowledge and does not have the expertise, does not know which question to ask and so, therefore, they need to hire someone from outside the community. If they need to have someone from outside the community on the committee, they can hire Mr. Kaufman. They can hire Senator Chambers if they so choose. They can hire Senator Kristensen or "Cap" Dierks or anyone they want to. They can hire any person they like and use them for whatever purpose they deem fit for their own community. Can you imagine the hue and cry that would have been raised had I proposed that the local monitoring committee could have been made up of persons outside the community? Why stop at one, Senator Chambers? Why not have them all from outside the community? Then we can certainly have expertise. We don't have to have any of the local people there. Certainly, you don't have to have a local farmer like Schmit involved. Have someone who is an expert. And if you're going to have an expert, instead of having an individual who is an expert by some standards on hazardous waste, which is Mr. Kaufman's supposed area of expertise, get someone who is an area...in the area of low-level nuclear waste. Mr. Kaufman's expertise, to my knowledge, is not in low-level nuclear waste. The community might be much better served to find someone who has actual experience in those areas. I'm always intrigued by those individuals who sign their names, expert, whether it is nuclear waste, whether it's water, whether it's soil conservation or something of that nature. It takes a particular kind of self-confidence, I sometimes call it arrogance, to dub yourself an expert in these areas. But I want to emphasize again that the local monitoring committee is supposed to make decisions based upon knowledge of local conditions, local demands, local interest, and if they need additional information, they can hire a counsel, they can hire advisers, they can hire anyone they want to, but don't make a charade of the local monitoring committee by allowing an outside individual to serve as a member of the committee. I can just imagine what would happen if a year from now all of the members of the local monitoring committee came from outside the State of Nebraska. You'd be back in here, four or five abreast, and you'd be clamoring to delineate exactly who they shall be, where they shall be from, the degree of their expertise and all other sorts of criteria. But simply now because Mr. Kaufman, at someone's