

nomination of Mr. Kaufman. They should have looked at it and said, well, they got someone that they trust, that they feel knows a lot about this business and will help them out. While we might not like it, that was their right. I completely agree with Senator Schmit that legislation should be crafted to suit a situation and not an individual. If we didn't have legislation that was crafted specifically for this one individual, we might not be addressing the problem right now. The idea of the local monitoring committees, again, I'll state, is for the people there to do what they feel is right to protect their community, a local monitoring committee to make the decisions for the local people and this is a decision that the local people made. If you want to get into who is an insider and who is an outsider, we've got the State Department of Economic Development; Roger Christianson from, I believe, Kansas; the State Department of Social Services, Kermit McMurry, I believe from Louisiana; former State Chief of Staff, Houston Carlyle from California; Compact Commissioner, Ray Perry (phonetic) from Georgia; US Ecology from California, or American Ecology, Bechtel. These are all outside people from outside of the state and they are not concerned about the local people, in my estimation. They are simply in the game, the last three I mentioned, the people that wrote the contract, Bechtel and US Ecology, to make a profit. If we want these people to be local monitoring committees to make decisions for the local community in the way they feel is best, not the way that we feel is best, we want them to make the decisions. If we don't want to tell them how to make every decision because they are doing what they know is right for their community, I think we should support Senator Chambers' amendment and let the local monitoring committees make the decision for the local communities. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, Senator Chambers, on deck.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Kristensen, maybe you spoke first on it or else Senator Morrissey, a question. I think, Senator Kristensen, I may be one of those senators that you may have been referring to a little bit ago that has not set my mind in concrete and I want to do the best what is for the state. I have to ask you, have you personally checked the references and the qualifications of this Mr. Kaufman and have you met him personally and are you comfortable? I know I'm giving you a very difficult question but something I'd like to know.