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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I have not met Mr. Kaufman personally. I have looked through things that he has prepared. I have looked at his resume. I don't have it right here at my hand. Am I comfortable? Yes.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you. Now I guess to Senator Morrissey. I was rather intrigued by the list that he went down a little bit ago or just in his last opportunity to speak of some of the outsiders that we have imported into our state to direct our state policy. I think you also know that some of those are no longer in the state and, personally, as I feel, that doesn't really have a lot of criteria, some have worked well and some have not worked well, so I know it's up to the individual to my...in my line of thinking, and I truly feel sorry for the people of Nora, Nebraska. And I've been trying to struggle through this for a year or year and a half, to become as knowledgeable as I can and I do have to say some of them have gained a lot of knowledge, but to be able to necessarily set policy on an issue this big and that confronts a lot of people, it's awfully hard to say, you know, who has the qualifications to set the criteria and the policy and so on. I know that I, personally, would not, even though I've worked on this off and on for a year and a half, would not say that I'm knowledgeable enough to make some of these crucial decisions, so I also am one that am toying on this whole issue. But what I want to...in my mind is, Senator Morrissey, have you met Mr. Kaufman?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Nelson, I have never met him. The people of Nora have met him. They are comfortable with it. The thing with me is, let's let them make the decision. They've met him, they're comfortable with him, let's let them make a decision they feel is right, not one that we, as a body, feel is right for them.

SENATOR NELSON: Have they had any other applicants for the position?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Just the local people, as far as I know.

SENATOR NELSON: Is he the only one that is coming in and maybe selling himself to the community that I have all answers for all questions?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: No, I think...I don't know that he came in and sold himself. I think he is a known whistleblower. A