

when one doesn't know what something is, there is fear. It's very, very natural for people to have fear of anything that is radioactive and when spoken of as nuclear. It is because we were not schooled in it, we do not understand it. We don't know how afraid to be and who to trust with it. The people of Nora want to have security. They wish to have Mr. Kaufman on the committee. We must ask ourselves, is this the right choice? They can utilize Mr. Kaufman as a person of consultation, but should we change our normals, development of committees and have someone from the outside? Senator Chambers speaks of the will of the local people and he is totally right, the will of the local people. But how long have the people known of Mr. Kaufman, whom we speak about? He apparently is a person with a strong will. Will Mr. Kaufman become and use the will of this group for his own objectives? He is a human being. He has objectives too. He has had objectives and has won by them. He is controversial, we know this with the EPA. Now is the kind of gentleman that we want to have within one of our local committees? Is he the only source of information that we have? We have with us those who are from the University of Nebraska. Does the University of Nebraska know anything about low-level radioactive materials? Of course, they do. Has the State of Nebraska ever had much experience with radioactivity? Of course, it has. We have two active nuclear plants. We've had a former one at Hallam, that's three of them. We've never had any accidents and we have people who are very familiar with this. Senator Kristensen, would you rise to a question, please?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, Senator Kristensen?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR WEIHING: Senator Kristensen, do you know if the University of Nebraska has a person that is, say a safety Extension person that would be available to discuss, and very knowledgeable so, radioactivity to the public?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I'm sure that they have someone who they would make available to us. I don't know who that individual would be or what his qualifications are. I guess I would question how free he would be to speak, basically, because of his employment with the university and this would be a very controversial political issue and perhaps he would have some restraints on him just because of his institutional position.