

SENATOR WEIHING: I question that very much. I was in Extension. The university does have a safety person that would go and speak to groups...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WEIHING: ...and they would be as unbiased as possible. Having been within Extension, there was many times there were issues that were controversial, particularly in view of the fact that I was...had to discuss chemicals, chemicals that are used in the farm and many of the people are very familiar with these chemicals that are used, the insecticides, the fungicides, the herbicides, and they know the dangers and when they know the dangers they are not fearful of them. Has this great University of Nebraska been utilized? Have they really sought out the sources within the state of people who are really knowledgeable, people who are very faithful to the State of Nebraska? Let us ask this question. The will of the local people, I fully agree, but we do not want to have someone who has a strong will...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR WEIHING: ...that begins to lead us from what really is our will and we don't know it. Is Mr. Kaufman the true choice?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please, further discussion on the amendment, Senator Dierks on deck.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, Senator Chambers refers to the Legislature imposing its will upon the people which, of course, as we all know, we do frequently and we frequently impose our will, be it right or wrong, be it just or unjust, upon the minorities. And in this instance there is no doubt about the fact that a small minority of the people are being called upon to assume the responsibility for the storage of low-level radioactive waste in their community for the vast majority of us and for some individuals from out of state. Reference was made by Senator Morrissey to the large number of out of state individuals that have been involved in the compact process. Senator Morrissey, those are the conditions of the compact and you are well aware of that. Those individuals who have exercised their responsibility, under the agreements of the compact, have done so under guidelines that were laid down prior to the time that Nebraska was determined as a host state. And had the decision to locate the site in some other state been