

other than it was, then Nebraskans would have been involved in the reverse position. Senator Chambers and others have referred to Mr. Kaufman as a whistleblower. It is indeed unfortunate that this amendment should concentrate on the issue of one individual, upon his criteria. Senator Nelson, very logically, raises some questions, what are the criteria of Mr. Kaufman? First of all, as I said, his experience, so far as I know, is in hazardous waste. I do not know to what extent that is, but it is not my understanding that he is an expert in low-level waste. But let that be beside the point, the point is this, that Mr. Kaufman should not be central to this discussion. Suppose that the situation were reversed and suppose that the committee had a majority of individuals who chose then to bring in an individual who said we can store the material here safely, no problem, there isn't anything to be concerned about? Would those same individuals then, who were in the minority, would they feel they are properly represented? Would they feel that an individual who could come into their community, sit with the local committee, make a decision which the local committee must live with and then get on the airplane and travel back to his own hometown, do they feel that that would then serve them best? I think not. Put yourself in the reverse position. It's always good to draw the rules after you know the players, but in this instance the rules are drawn before we do the players. In this instance, it was not the Legislature who said Mr. Kaufman couldn't serve, it was the Attorney General. The Attorney General said local monitoring committee means what it says. You can go even further. Do you want to disenfranchise at least one member of the local monitoring committee? We may pass this. We may, if Senator Chambers prevails, and he is a very articulate and persuasive individual and to many of you this doesn't mean anything. To many of you this is, oh, give Ernie a shot, give old Spencer a shot, give "Cap" a shot, what the heck. You know, shove it down the old man's throat. Well, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you something. You know how much it means to me personally? Not that much. It does mean this to me. It means that the committee did the best they could, took all the available information, travelled around the state over the past 10 years. We drew a bill which seemed to us to be reasonable prior to the time that we even knew the state was going to be host state, prior to the time that we knew the location of the host site communities, prior to the time...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.