

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen, on the amendment to the amendment, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Weihing, I need some help. Would you answer a few questions, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Weihing, would you respond?

SENATOR WEIHING: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Weihing, and take this in the right method, because I really, truly am asking for a little bit of help right here. I listened real closely to what you had to say, and I see where you are coming from, and I would like you to see something that I have here, and could you help me answer these questions. I represent a group of people who have found themselves facing the possibility of a facility. They are not really sure if it is going to be safe or not. Some definitely think it will not. Some definitely think it will be safe. But most of them all feel as if somewhere down the line they have been promised that they would have the right to okay this facility if it was going to be there, and they heard quotes from the Governor, from the Department of Environmental Control, that really were very specific and they said things like the site will ensure the safety but it will not be built in a community that doesn't want it. That was from the Governor. The Governor's representative said that one of the conditions are we can't site a facility without that community's consent. How do I go back to those people and how do we really go back to them with anything other than, I am sorry, you are going to get it anyway? And how would you respond to those, based on those quotes?

SENATOR WEIHING: You have brought up this in several components. Now with regards to the right to vote, now this becomes a difficult one in the sense that in the right to vote, it is desirable that we remove those elements, those undesirable elements that we talk about and...but what you have said is going back and telling them they don't have the right to vote, this is...I would have to cross that bridge at that particular moment. I don't want to evade it. It is how far we have gone. The only thing that I could do if the body says, no, it is going to be there, is to attempt to get as much information around those people, within those people and the observation and your