

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that is really what made up my mind and I see no other way than to allow them the right to at least say, yes, we will take it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, on the amendment to the amendment, followed by Senators Morrissey, Bernard-Stevens, Elmer, and Langford.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I wish I had the luxury of having just been elected to this body so that I would not have to assume the responsibility of having been involved in this from the very beginning. It is never pleasant, of course, to be involved in a situation where you are forced to disregard the rights of the individual, and on this floor many times in the last 20 years, I have stood and spoken for the rights of the individual. I do not like to do that...to do otherwise at this time. There has been comments that we didn't...we rushed into this. Ladies and gentlemen, it has been more than 10 years since this Legislature began to wrestle with this problem, and 10 years is not rushing into anything. There have been terrible deep concerns about the consequences of locating this site in a certain area. Senator McFarland talks about the right to vote. Senator McFarland, you would be burying your solid waste in your backyard with a scoop shovel today if they would have had to vote on where to locate the solid waste site for the City of Lincoln because no one wanted it. No one wanted it, not even the former Mayor of Lincoln wanted it across from his farmland, just kind of a natural situation, and, in my opinion, I would have preferred to have this site on my farm than the solid waste site. We hear a lot of concerns about the greenhouse effect, the acid rain effect, all the various serious problems we are going to face in the forthcoming years. Not one person has yet died from a nuclear waste accident or from radiation in the handling of that waste. As I said before, 38 people died last year in farm accidents. Why don't we promenade against that? Five people died in train accidents. Almost 400 died in automobile accidents. Most people got here today by driving an automobile. No one is ranting and raving about that. I would just like to suggest that those of you who are attorneys know, you know that this vote is totally meaningless. Why should you put the people through the charade and the hoax of having a vote when you know that the compact not only allows but requires, requires