

all relevant aspects of siting. So you are right there, they need to help with siting. What they are also to do is to allow for citizen input, and make recommendations. They are also to look at a variety of things and to assess the needs of the community in relation to the resources. And those are all the way from the environment, to agricultural resources, to the impact on businesses, tourist attractions, population areas, and they are to hire support services and make recommendations. So they do represent the interest back to the people, but they also make all those recommendations to the state, and to be the citizens, really, mouthpiece back.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The next part of the question would be do you believe that the local monitoring committee's powers extend to doing things that would hinder the siting process, such as court injunctions or doing things that are adversarial to the siting process?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I am not sure, specifically, what you mean. Do you mean if the local monitoring committee doesn't like the way that things are going, can they take appropriate legal actions to stop something?

SENATOR ELMER: Or initiate actions that are purely in...that are purely intended to delay or put off the continuation of the siting process?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I don't...you know, I don't see where they are allowed to delay the process, but I don't see a prohibition from them going in the rules and regulations either. I don't see something that says that it prohibits them from taking any action that they feel necessary...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...with regards to the siting process either.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Of course, personally, the local monitoring committee is set up for the purpose of satisfying the local people that all of the actions taken by the state and the compact are legal or done properly and I think, in order to make this really a good law, we should have in there somewhere something to the effect that no funds may be utilized by a committee for a legal action against a