

reluctant to concede that at Bruno. I believe they conceded it at Waverly after much discussion, but the point I want to make is this. I think Senator Smith will verify what I say and Senator Nelson also, the problems they have experienced in their districts, not due to farmers or ranchers or homeowners or cities or counties, due to action by the federal government. Now I would suggest that it's easy for me to lay down the rules here and expect someone else to enforce them. A different story if I lay down the rules and then I must enforce them. I think that we have had a program which hasn't worked too badly. We've had a sort of a joint responsibility. We can come in and superimpose as we did when Senator Rod Johnson and I passed the groundwater protection bill several years ago. We can exercise our prerogative in those areas. We can continue to do so and I encourage you to do so, but I would encourage you also to vote for this bracket motion and then become more knowledgeable and again I agree with Senator Rod Johnson. The debate this morning is good because we get so engrossed in other areas that we forget about the basic resources of the State of Nebraska which are vitally important to us, that's our soil and water. Again, I want to tell you again, I apologize to this body because I did not determine definitely that there was no alternative to the passage of the proposed Low-level Radioactive Waste Act when it was brought before this body a number of years ago.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Because of that, there is probably very little doubt that Nebraska will be one of the repositories of that low-level radioactive waste. I'm not going to argue whether it is good or bad at this point, the point is this, that we were misled. It is tempting for me to say we were lied to, but we probably weren't lied to, but we were misled when we were told that all states had to be in a compact by a specific date and that all states had to have a program in place by 1993 or the roof would fall in. Ladies and gentlemen, the majority of Congress will protect themselves and Nebraska is going to probably have to pay the difference. Thank you very much. I ask you to support the motion to bracket.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any objections to the motion to bracket the bill until February 23, 1990? Any objections? Seeing none, the bill is bracketed by unanimous consent. Mr. Clerk, introduction of new bills.