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was the best interest and the best goals of the entire United States. As I recall, and I recall with less vivid memory as time goes by, but, as I recall, there was some discussion as to what the extent would be of Nebraska's involvement. At the early stages, the indications were that this facility that would be built for the storage of low-level waste was probably one more federal bonanza that would be passed out and that Nebraska probably would not have much opportunity to secure the state, the site. There were a number of areas that were indicated that would become sites because of more favorable geographical or hydrological considerations. But in any case, we did try as a Legislature to fulfill our responsibilities. At this present time, Dr. Thorson serves as our appointee. I believe he is highly qualified. I am having prepared a list of his qualifications which you will have on your desk very shortly and I know that some of you may have questions, but he is a man of high moral character. He is a man who is doing his best in a difficult job and there are going to be times under these kind of conditions when under a fire a man or a woman might say things that you can read back later on and take out of context. I think, in view of the fact that Dr. Thorson is not a political person, he has conducted himself very admirably. Any one of us would find ourselves in his position and would find ourselves from time to time hard pressed to respond in a very mild manner when accusations are thrown back and forth that tend to perhaps cause us to lose our cool temporarily. I think Dr. Thorson has done a very good job. There are those in Nebraska who would oppose Dr. Thorson's appointment and I accept their opposition from the point of view that they are sincere, but I would suggest that that opposition be not supported in this case. Dr. Thorson has earned our support and Dr. Thorson deserves an affirmative vote of 25 members of this body. I want to point out that an amendment to a bill I had last year, LB 761, indicated that in the case of the appointment to this commission we need 25 affirmative votes or else together must appoint someone else within 10 days. I would hope that the Governor would not have to make an appointment. I'm sure Dr. Thorson is well qualified. I'm sure there are those here who agree with me, but I would hope he would get the 25 votes and that he can continue to carry on a very responsible job that he is doing now. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please, followed by Senator Morrissey and Senator Dierks.