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could have been more effective had they directed their efforts to the federal Congress, to our representatives in Congress. But, nevertheless, the situation is now we're in the compact, we're going to stay in the compact, as far as anybody can see, and Norm Thorson, Dr. Thorson is the person that I think should represent us. He is a very able person. Now my friend, Senator Dierks, said that there was a lot of opposition at the hearing and that is correct, but I submit there would have been opposition no matter who that person would have been and it would have been more justifiable probably by any other person you'd select, any other person, because I don't think we could find a person that is more qualified, more dedicated, more intelligent than Dr. Thorson. He is an outstanding person in his own right. He is honest. His integrity is above question and he has the qualifications to allow him to perform that job to the greatest extent. And I think this is a nomination that should be confirmed by this body and I hope you will do it immediately.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Crosby and Senator Labedz. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this confirmation. I have known Dr. Thorson for quite a while. I think he is very capable of handling this appointment and I commend the Governor for appointing him, and now it's up to the Legislature to confirm this appointment. Dr. Thorson is very knowledgeable in this field. I visited with him many times and I've heard him talk and express his views and I think that...I know that this is the person to have at the head of this committee. He has excellent qualifications, he has good business judgment and, like Senator Lamb said, there would probably be some opposition to anybody that we...that was appointed and that we would confirm. But I truly believe that this is the right man. I was here in 1984, I believe it was, when the Legislature decided to go into this compact and I feel this was the right way to go because it's going to cost so much, it's going to cost so much to build this low-level radioactive waste facility and why not share it with five states? Why not share it with four other states? I don't have that much opposition to Nebraska being chosen the host state because I feel that we do have the technology and that we can provide a safe waste disposal for this and so I would encourage you to support this confirmation of Dr. Thorson this morning.