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right now perhaps lies in that whole communications process, the negotiating process, the trust that doesn't seem to be there with the communities. And I think probably the wrong person is on trial here today, quite frankly. I'd like to give the rest of my time to Doug Kristensen.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, you have a minute left.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I really don't see today as a trial at all, and that's not the issue. Norm Thorson is a bright, respected law professor, that's true. Norm Thorson is extremely knowledgeable in the area of compact law, and has spent a tremendous amount of time dealing with that. I happen to disagree with some of his opinions. You disagree with some of my opinions, that's what this process is all about. But Dr. Thorson is really the weather vane for the low-level nuclear waste issue in this state. He's the state representative that goes to the other compact states. He is the barometer of how this state feels and the way that we want to behave and act in this issue. I'm not up here to attack the man's integrity, that is not my purpose. My purpose is to stand up here and issue what is a voice of frustration for the siting process. Being one who has been deeply involved in seeing a community ripped apart at the seams,...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...it's very difficult. Did you say "time", Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I understand we have a priority motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Dierks would move to bracket the confirmation...consideration of the confirmation report of Dr. Thorson until March 19.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, we