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site. And, like Cap has said, siting is not the question today, but the question is putting our hospitals at jeopardy by delaying siting. Where did that information come from? Where does that come from? We have not shipped any hospital waste in two years. No hospital, no university will be put in jeopardy by anything that we can do by this, and that's not the question. But where did that information come from in 402? I saw Woody Varner testify to that fact in ads on 402. Where did he get that information? Where does that come from? We've said there is no one in this state, no one in this state can do this job, except for Dr. Thorson. impossible. He's got quality credentials. We have to move beyond the credentials to how this process is proceeded. I mentioned the liability issue that has been guaranteed, it's in there, it's in there. It sounds like Prego spaghetti. It's in there, since '87, it's not there. Now they're saying it's not there, and yet in three years we haven't done one thing, one thing to change that. Is that how we should proceed? Is that strong leadership in this issue? I say, no. I have a lot of pressure from my folks in my district, some of them, some to support, more to oppose. But I'm not even considering that. It's been my personal experience for one terrible year on how open this process has been. How can someone do a better job than Dr. Thorson? You open a process up, he has had closed meetings since the citizens advisory council attempted to. And the citizens made him open them up. He continued to try and have closed meetings. The citizens insisted he open them up. It's basically been, I know what I'm talking about, you folks don't, so quit worrying about it, and it has continued to this very day. How could someone win any support? No one could possibly win the support of these people. These people are not the anti-nuclear zealots that Dr. Thorson called them. They're concerned, they're very concerned. It's their livelihood, the pressure of five states is coming down on their backs right now, and they're saying this man has not been and we don't feel he will be open with us. How do you possibly address their concerns? You show concern. Don't be arrogant, show that you are concerned, you have some questions. Yes, your question is valid, I'll check into that. Ask some tough questions yourself, make the appearance that you're being tough on this issue, don't just, yes, it's all in there, don't worry about it, over and over and over. And that is exactly what has happened. Go out to the people, discuss it, wade right into the lion's den. You all have had to do that at one time or another. It has not been done now. Boyd County, Nemaha County, I don't believe Dr. Thorson has been to a monitoring committee meeting,

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