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and I must say...take exception with something Senator Kristensen said, the Nemaha Monitoring Committee has done very well, thank you, on their charge that this Legislature gave them. And Dr. Thorson never showed up there. There were no crazy meetings over there. How would I do it, if I were doing it? How would you do it, if you were addressing a volatile issue? Would you sit up in your little tower and conduct phone conferences and say, don't worry about it? Or would you go out and meet the challenge, meet the people, go wade right into the middle of the problem, and say, hey, here I am, I'm your representative, I want to know your concerns, I want to know your concerns.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: It hasn't been...it has not been done, ladies and gentlemen. It has not been an openness. We're talking about personality. Senator Schmit says he's got the perfect personality to do this job. I say, simply, as a law professor, he has shown me that he doesn't have the personality to do this job. Qualifications, there are qualified people all over the state. But who can go out to the people, who can reach out to the people and say, yes, I'm concerned about your issues, I'm concerned about your questions? I know there's a lot of people out there that have problems with this, and I will work actively to address those problems. It hasn't been done in this process, we need that, we need it now more than ever. And with the confirmation of Dr. Thorson I don't see it. I'd urge you to vote against the confirmation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please, followed by Senator Peterson.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, thank you. Senator Morrissey, I think right now we're going to vote for the bracket rather than against the confirmation. Maybe that is one in the same. There again, when Senator Crosby spoke about the Snoopy comic strip and the fact that this tree-eating kite was at the front door, I wonder how many people in Boyd County think that that tree-eating kite is at their front door, uninvited also. There is a great responsibility, I believe, that this appointment takes with it, and that responsibility is one of a commitment to the area and to the people who are going to be most directly involved with this siting process. To the best of my knowledge, the only commitment that the people in Boyd County have had was