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intelligent, he's understanding, I just don't want to vote for him. I don't know exactly where you would go to find an individual who could get the kind of endorsement of personal qualifications that Dr. Thorson has had, but yet with reservations. I would hope that the Governor does not respond at some time in the future and appoint a nonqualified person, a nonattorney, a nonengineer, albeit one who can play to the crowd and get that kind of support. We all know how to do that. There are many times on this floor when we vote for confirmation of an individual without having the knowledge that we have relative to an individual's qualifications that we have of Dr. Thorson. We voted to confirm two persons this morning about whom we knew a minimal amount regarding their qualifications, but we did vote to confirm them. No one raised any questions. We will do that again, and again, and again, and on some instances I will be voting probably against confirmation. The question that we have to ask ourselves is a very simple one, and I think it's a question, who shall rule? Shall we have a very vocal, albeit mostly sincere minority who can muster some support and come before the committees and voice their expressions of concern, or shall this body, based upon the information we have available to us, based upon our own judgment, make that decision? As I have said earlier, any one of us can bring in 25 or 30 people to testify against an individual. Most people will not subject themselves to the kind of abuse that Dr. Thorson has subjected himself to. I have, from time to time, wondered why he even allowed his name to be placed before us. I can see now why every Governor with whom I have served has told me of the frustration they feel when filling appointments, and they go to persons who are qualified and competent, and that person says, no, I won't do it. Not very many people want to go through that kind of abuse for the doubtful privilege of serving the public. Thank God that some of them do. Dr. Thorson is not perfect, he's never claimed to be perfect. He's not perhaps the most intelligent person, although he's intelligent. There may be areas that he is not the most informed, but I would suggest that, of the people who might have been chosen, the Governor made a very, very fine choice. Then the question is, should we, in order to satisfy a very vocal, almost virulent minority, throw him to the wolves? I don't think so.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Dr. Thorson is qualified by almost unanimous