

has been approved by both the House and the Senate, and was finally passed, and then the introducer of the bill drew it back for a technical amendment. I don't know what the nature of the technical amendment is, and not being familiar with Arkansas politics, I don't know the meaning of that, but that is where it sits in Arkansas. In the other states...Arkansas, you will recall, is the one that doesn't meet next year but meets two years hence, so that is the most critical state. The other states meet next year and could conceivably do this next year even, if they had to. The other states are all, it has been introduced, I believe, everywhere, and it is moving along, but it is in very preliminary stages elsewhere as far as I know, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I remember a few years ago that Senator Jerry Koch was here and he brought a bill back from the Governor's Office for a technical amendment, and proceeded to kill it, and there have been some indications, I have heard some rumbling in the last few days out of the southeast that perhaps Arkansas might be a little bit upset with some of the things that were happening up here, have you heard anything about that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pardon me, Senator. I was talking to...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I have heard some rumblings out of the southeast that there might be some disillusionment with some of the activities going on up here in Nebraska relative to low-level waste legislation, and they might, in fact, be holding up the Arkansas bill. You are not knowledgeable about that, is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have no knowledge about...I have knowledge about rumblings, Senator, but I don't know what it is all about, and I really have no idea of whether it is just the normal concern that people have when a compact is proposed to be amended, or whether it is something more than that. I mean I would expect that there are going to be questions in the legislatures of all the other states with regard to what is going on, and if that is what you mean by rumblings, I am sure it is there. Beyond that, I am not sure what you are talking about, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, then I will be more explicit. The word that I have is that there is concern from Arkansas relative to the fact that Nebraska has a bill which will allow for a local