

described the building of it seemed reasonable and why would anybody be worried about it. In the meantime, this big discussion started in Nuckolls County and in southeast Nebraska and up in northeast Nebraska and, little by little, I have tried to read as much as I can. I wish I knew as much about it as Rod Johnson and Spencer Morrissey do because they are involved in it in their committee, and so on, and you can't possibly learn everything in a day here in the Legislature. But I think you will have to have a little sympathy for those of us who maybe are on the periphery of it because we don't understand. All I can see is that it is one of those tremendously emotional issues. Again, it is an emotional issue because these people, who are afraid of it, it is fear of the unknown. I have said that before. They don't know what is going to happen. They don't know what might happen to the water supply. They don't know what happens if there might be a leak and so on. I was offended over the weekend by a statement that Lowell Fisher made to the Associated Press, when he tried to get, I guess, Senator Dierks on the phone and couldn't find him because it was an Arbor Day holiday, and what am I supposed to do, plant a tree today. If that was sarcasm, that concerned me a lot. If he has become so polarized that the rest of the state doesn't mean anything to him, then he is not helping your cause. Yes, it was Arbor Day, and, yes, you are supposed to plant a tree, and that is part of our environmental concerns is planting trees, and the pioneers did that to make Nebraska what it is today. So I do wish, if you happen to speak to Mr. Fisher, tell him that that didn't help me any to help your cause because I think that we have to think about the state as a whole, and, of course, none of us want anything like this. I live in a district, a very compact urban district, where maybe the worst zoning fight we have is maybe where the KWIK-Shop will be across the street from us, or they will cut down some trees to widen the street, and those are emotional and upsetting issues to a lot of people here in Lincoln. But compared to what they go through in the counties having to do with the nuclear waste, I am sure it looks like a pretty small issue, when you talk about whether to cut a tree down. The reason I am speaking is that I think that... I will have one quick question, Senator Morrissey. Spencer, if and when, if, for instance, this amendment passed and I may sit it out again... the reason I sit out on these and don't vote is because I don't always understand and I don't really know if I am voting...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.