

not the way the process was described. That is not what has been promised. Again, Senator Elmer said it's bad policy. We're not talking about it, bad policy. The question is, was it promised? Now by a Governor, maybe that's not binding when our Governor makes a promise to the people. Maybe we are the only ones that can make state policy. The Governor can have a little play in that, though, I think with the veto and the ability to have a good communications with the senators. But the thing is the people in control of this process, the compact commissioners, one representative from each and every state involved voted to allow community consent. We, the people, we can't have much effect on as them in that compact and what we got ourselves locked into, folks. So one of the things in that, that in the workings of that compact that guaranteed these folks, it's a written vote, transcribed, you can read it, they voted for it, they okayed it, they're the ones that said it should be done. Then our Governor, who may not be a policymaker for this state, promised it and it is yet to be defined. Senator Schellpeper, asking the questions of the definition of community consent was a perfect example of what we have to do. We have to define it. Dr. Thorson said it time and time again, it has to be defined. Again, US Ecology has talked about it and community has always been county in all these documents. The Community of Boyd that, or Butte, excuse me, that supports this facility, they wrote to the county commissioners up there in their discussions of the facility. They corresponded with the county commissioners. They said, in all the meetings I attended in '88, your counties can show the consent and they can back out anytime. The opponents at that time said, don't listen to them, don't listen to that, but they guaranteed us that. I was at those meetings back then, not as a candidate for the Legislature, but as an interested citizen and they promised you can submit yourself for a review and you can get out anytime. They promised that then. Later they admitted, well, we're not going to let you out of it now. They promised community consent and not just to Boyd County, but to the whole, all the communities that may be involved in the process in the future. Now, we can do it with community consent. It may take a while. It may take a little while, but look how long it's taken now. What do we have to rush for? Federal milestones that no one else in the country will meet, so the federal government is going to come down and shut down all the reactors, close all the hospitals, close the universities, realistically, folks, that is not going to happen and we all know that. We need to do this, we need to do it right. You can do it right by allowing