

this is a two-year bill. This bill has been here for two years. It had its shot to be advanced and passed last year. It did not make it. We've had the same opportunity this year and the same result occurred. Now it seems to me when you have an agenda which, unfortunately, eight individual senator priority bills on General File are not even going to get considered, which includes one of my own, I think the Speaker has bent over backwards to try and be friendly and courteous to all the members to get their issues up. Unfortunately, this has been an unusual year with a lot of debate, a lot of emotionalism in this issue. I understand the sensitivity of this issue, but at this particular point we have a lot of work to do left on the agenda that needs to be discussed and, hopefully, passed. It's my opinion that this is not the time to bring this issue up again. If it comes up later this evening if we get through all the Select File, fine, let's vote it up or down then, but as far as I'm concerned it's had its day in this Legislature several times and I think it's time to move on with other issues that may yet have a chance to pass. I will tell you that for those of you who do not know this, that if this bill is reconsidered either now or later this evening or tomorrow, I have 40 amendments pending on the bill. I plan on running those 40 amendments and we'll bring the session to an end that way. I don't do that as a threat, it's simply a fact of life. It just appears to me that this is not the time to reconsider. I will raise the three basic points I raised before when we debated it earlier this year, one, you're changing the rules of the game by putting in a voting consent provision, moving away from a standard of protecting the environment to one of trying to find a site that you could develop popular support. Secondly you're basically not talking at this point about the cost of delay or, in fact, withdrawing from the compact and the cost will go to the taxpayers and to the ratepayers of our state and, finally, the one that I think is the most important is nobody has told us what the alternative is or what we're going to do with this waste in the future if, in fact, we cannot comply with building the site in Nebraska. So keep those three or four factors in mind because I think they are relevant points of discussion and, as I said, I am obviously going to vote against overruling the Chair.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I rise also in opposition to the motion to overrule the agenda not that the