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SENATOR DIERKS: From the developer. Well, actually the money comes from the...from the generators. The people who will use the facility are providing the money to the developer, which is US Ecology, to build the facility.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they're giving money to the developer now?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that true?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so there is no state money involved in this at all.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I don't think so. Yeah, you're right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And no federal money involved at all.

SENATOR DIERKS: No, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR DIERKS: Took a lot of time and effort of state people in it, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Now that we've gotten that out of the way I want to ask Senator Beutler a question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, do you think there is anything that would prevent, and when I say "anything" I mean under the Constitution of the United States, that would prevent Congress from saying that an emergency exists with reference to the disposal of this type of nuclear waste that the other states are not doing whatever might be done to do away with it, therefore any state, which has constructed one of these facilities, shall be required to accept this waste?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I quite honestly have never researched that question. I don't know if they could say that or not.