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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...need to be in this situation.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham, members of the Legislature, for the new members of the Legislature and just to remind some of the older members of some of the background, let me fill in some of the details of Senator Kristensen's and Senator Dierks' opening remarks in terms of explaining a little bit the history of what has happened nationally. When the compact system was first set up in the early 1980s, it was anticipated that there would be probably a minimum of 8 and maybe as many as 11 or 12 low-level nuclear waste facilities set up by various compacts in combinations of states around the United States. And that process began in the eighties, but throughout the eighties and into the nineties more or less petered out in every combination and in every compact in the United States. Not one single compact that was set up pursuant to that system has ever licensed a facility, nor has any compact come nearly as close to doing so as we have. So, in terms of operating generally in good faith, I don't think anybody could ever accuse Nebraska, looking at the total national picture, of not operating in good faith. We have operated in better faith than any other compact that I know of. The...the...Texas, at a point in time, was considering the licensing of a facility and that has now been denied. In California, the federal government has denied a site for the California West Coast Compact, and that is now not in motion. So nowhere in this country is there a licensing process that is truly in motion in any of the compact states. And so the question might occur to you, what are all these states doing with their low-level waste? Well, temporarily, they are doing the same thing that Nebraska is doing, by and large. The current situation in Nebraska with regard to low-level waste is that we ship it off to South Carolina, which had a site long before this recent siting process began. And South Carolina continues to take our low-level waste as it continues to take the low-level waste of a large number of states. They could continue now to take the waste from all of the states that want to give it waste probably