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processes. So I think it would be certainly unwise to adopt his amendment. Beyond that, we seem to be going into a discussion of the bill itself and the wisdom of what we would be doing if we withdrew from the compact. And we seem to be entering this at different stages of the debate with different points of view, and it becomes all murky again. But let me try with the few short minutes that I have to at least go back and reconstruct for you what I think the history of this entire matter has been so that you can see, I think, at least I see the matter in terms of four distinct stages. And these four distinct stages had a logic and an imperative of their own at each distinct phase, in my opinion. And this is kind of how it went. The first stage had to do with that period of time when everybody in the nation agreed that they would be a part of one or another compact, and that through this group action they would form together in economic units where it would be economical for to group together states to take care of their own waste. And all of the states in the Union that were not involved and did not have a site, joined compacts here and there and everywhere to get this job done. And that was the first point of good faith, wasn't it? All of the states were going to work together in their compact to take care of their waste. And this period of time went on from the early 1980's, and progressively petered out, maybe is the best way to put it, on through the late eighties and into the nineties especially. And what happened was that nobody, except us and arguably one other, made any sort of good faith effort to do their part in this system. And consequently the whole system has collapsed. Nobody has a site, nobody is even working on a site, except the federal courts, they're trying to force the site on us now, because we, in good faith, went so far as we did. We can come back to that, though, because I'm getting away from the picture I want to give you which I think is accurate. That was the first stage. Why did it collapse? Was it just a matter of bad faith on the part of other states? No, it wasn't entirely, because technology was changing. The waste was being compacted, there was less waste. Different things were coming together which indicated quite clearly, nobody argues about it, we need one or maybe two sites...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.