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some time, several times on the floor of the Legislature, and I would think that that ought to have some merit in the discussion. I am convinced that the place for the state of Nebraska to be in...the position the state of Nebraska is to be in today is for the Legislature to legislatively withdraw by statute from the compact. That is not the end of the issue, but I believe that is the next logical step in this issue unless you, as an individual, are convinced that the state of Nebraska ought to be the first low-level waste site created in the United States from a compact and that we would then quite naturally have the economic development of being the only recipient of low-level waste in the nation. With that, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Dierks. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Dierks, you have...

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Spe...Mr. President, and also thank you, Senator Coordsen. I really didn't want to offer much more today but I had to...I had to make a comment about one of the remarks that Senator Brashear made. He said that we have to be in the middle of the arena on this issue. If we withdraw, we take ourselves out of the middle of the arena. We have tried to be in the middle of the arena, over and over, and every time we've tried to stay in the arena, the rest of the compact has kept us out. We've tried to have input on community consent, one of the requirements that Governor Orr had, if we were to accept this com...this waste site, and we were kept out of the arena again. So it isn't that we have tried...that we haven't tried to keep in the arena, but the bureaucracy has kept us out. I thank Senator Kristensen for putting us in focus on this. I think that I've tried to keep it that way myself, that we're talking today about withdrawing from the compact, and I haven't been talking that much about...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...what the judge has said in his...in his lawsuit, but that's another issue. So I would urge that you stay the course with me and help us to extract ourselves from this compact. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Landis,