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going to be in trouble. I don't want to take a shot at the nuclear waste dump in Senator Dierks' district because basically it's gone. But I would rather live across the street from that than I would from all these large facilities because the nuke dump would definitely be monitored and these large facilities are not.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. On the Preister amendment, I rise in strong support of the Bohlke amendment. And it really depends on what we learned from Senator Engel. Senator Engel is off the floor right now making some phone calls because I was unclear in my mind and I think Senator Bohlke was too about the hearing process in those counties that do have zoning. And when there is an application like this, are there any requirements for hearings either before the planning and zoning commission or before the county commission? And so part of that...an answer to that predicates whether I support the Preister amendment or not. I don't want to set up a scenario when we're having too many hearings, but I definitely believe in public hearings. And I really don't have any business being involved in this issue. Again, it doesn't affect my district very much. But when I heard Senator Schmitt, I was down in my office and he was talking about the interim zoning and the Government Committee and I thought I'd better perk up my ears here and find out what's going on. I strongly believe that in a democracy that you have to give people the opportunity to tell how they feel. And I also strongly believe that if you don't give them that opportunity that emotions will run even higher. It's kind of like of like Senator Beutler said. You do learn from those public hearings. I don't think we should have public hearings only when emotions aren't running high or only when it doesn't affect our livelihood. I think that the public hearings can be like that little gadget on a pressure cooker that lets off some of the steam. And people are going to feel a lot better about their government and they're going to feel a lot better about the process if you give them