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I said before and I'm going to reiterate throughout this discussion, this is a federal mandate. It only affects three sites now, but in the future it will affect more municipalities, and Grand Island comes to mind in the future. With that, I would conclude my opening comments on LB 32. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on LB 32. There are committee amendments, offered by the Natural Resources Committee. Senator Schrock, as Chairman of the committee, you're recognized to open, if you...and for the record, you're officially opening on them now.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would ask you to advance the committee amendments, and then the new amendment that we have proposed today will strike the bill and the committee amendment that's being asked to advance, and that will become the bill. And I think that's where the argument should be. Considering the fact that we're short members today, I would ask that this would be a noncontroversial issue, because the amendment that I have submitted this morning shall become the bill. And so I would ask you to advance this committee amendment, because it is...it will be struck then by the new amendment that was submitted this morning. I hope that's clear. This should not be controversial. If it is, why, so be it. But I would ask for your cooperation at this point, and then we can get on to the nuts and bolts of this situation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments, offered by the Natural Resources Committee to LB 32. Open for discussion. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I guess I would hope also that LB 32 would not be a controversial piece of legislation for this session. But unfortunately, I do have to stand and say that I do oppose some of the basic drafting behind LB 32, for a couple of different reasons. First of all, I'm not sure I understand exactly what the import of the committee amendments are at this point, and so I guess I would like a little bit more elaboration on that also.