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best approach. That's off the table for now. That doesn't mean it's going to stay off the table. I would like to see the 25 votes for that. But from the tone of the discussion, that isn't likely to happen. I'm going to keep looking to see what I think is next best. Senator Hartnett, I'm considering what you're offering although I don't like that. I don't like bonded indebtedness because...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...I just don't like to go into debt. But right now I don't think we have a whole lot of good choices. But I do want to make two comments, because there were some people making comments about hospital waste as regards nuclear waste. Hospital waste is only 5 percent of the total of low-level nuclear waste. So I hope we don't go back to the argument that this is just a few booties kind of an issue. And low-level nuclear waste doesn't mean low risk. Low-level nuclear waste can have components that have a half-life of over 30,000 years. So low-level can be just as dangerous as high-level. There isn't a distinction from high-level and low-level to high-level and low-level risk or safety to it. That is a factor. Another factor is that we have new information that we don't need all of these compact sites. We have reduced numbers of available...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...waste that would go into it. We only need one national site. I don't want Nebraska to become that one national site. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Baker, followed by Senator Bromm, Schrock, Brashear and Maxwell, and others. Senator.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. There has been so many comments made I hardly know where to start. Time is short but I'm going to go back to what Senator Bromm started with and that's that this is a major, major change in policy in the way we do business in Nebraska, to begin borrowing