

disposal. There was an indication, I believe, from several states, including...one was South Dakota, that they would like to become the repository for this. But I think the citizens rejected that just in a vote last fall. But there are areas that are much better suited, of course, for disposal sites than others. I believe the compact would have the ability to deal with that and make the appropriate choice.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. That's all I have, Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the motion? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, in responding to Senator Scofield's question as to whether or not Nebraska quite possibly could be a repository for low level radio waste materials, it is, Senator Scofield, it is unlikely that Nebraska will become that site. However, there is always that possibility. If we do not continue to remain in the compact, then we will have no place to go with our waste if the compact does locate a repository in say one of the other four states that is a member of this central compact. We would then have to find our own, probably, and dispose of this low level radio waste here in Nebraska. So it is our indication, from DEC, that it is very unlikely that we will end up being the site even if we are in the compact. But it is definite that if we are not in the compact that we will have to deposit this material here in the state because I am anticipating that no one else will accept our waste. So I think it is probably a good decision to put this into the bill and, hopefully, remain a member of this compact and continue to work with the other states to locate a site that would be acceptable to both the federal government and the states in the compact.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, any closing?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no closing, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to return LB 491 to Select File