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10 MR. KNIGHT: Thank you, Mr. Moderator. As  
11 you heard, my name is Rick Knight. I'm a business  
12 agent for teamsters here in Las Vegas, Nevada, and I  
13 would like to first thank the Department of Energy for  
14 allowing us to comment on what I envision the Energy  
15 Secretary doing later this year, which is recommending  
16 the site as a repository. All right, I hope the people  
17 from out of state don't get -- don't let a few  
18 hysterical emotional comments taint their perception of  
19 how true Nevadans view this issue. It's a shame.

20 (LAUGHTER)

21 This is an important issue, and to mock it  
22 isn't right.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Quit mocking it.

24 MR. KNIGHT: This is a hearing where we  
25 should focus on substance and not process. Okay? It

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1 is a process that was changed because the anti-s scared  
2 off the sun goals, and truth be told that's why we are  
3 here tonight. But that has been the strategy of the  
4 anti-s from day one, stall, stall, stall, play games  
5 and act foolish. Well, the teamsters don't stall.

6 (APPLAUSE)

7 Okay, the teamsters move things. Let's see

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8 the project move forward.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why don't you move it

10 someplace else.

11 MR. KNIGHT: But let's see -- but let's see

12 it move forward based on good science.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On money.

14 MR. KNIGHT: And today all the science

15 indicates the site will be found suitable, and instead

16 of criticizing the site, I recommend anyone who hasn't

17 toured the site, take the tour and ask questions.

18 Okay?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oscar did.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Our mayor did that,

22 sir.

23 MR. KNIGHT: I've been a resident for 30

24 years of the state of Nevada.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 33 here.

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1 MR. KNIGHT: I have always liked the fact

2 that Nevadans have had the reputation of being free

3 thinkers. Now if science finds the site suitable, and  
4 my union brothers build the site like I know that we  
5 can, certainly make sure that the waste is transported  
6 and the site safer.

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7 (AUDIENCE YELLING)

8 MODERATOR LAWSON: Please.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please, let him talk.

10 Let him talk. Everybody has a right.

11 MR. KNIGHT: I don't want everyone who is in  
12 the room to think the shipments won't come through  
13 Las Vegas. You don't know the issues. If Clark County  
14 isn't able to keep low-level waste out of the valley,  
15 there's no way high-level waste won't come through the  
16 valley. Let's move on with the project, but let's  
17 oversee the DOE every step of the way. We can do this,  
18 let's get it on. I want to thank you for your time.