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3 W-i-l-l-i-a-m B-r-a-i-n-a-r-d, Sparks.

4 I, too, will probably be in a minority, and I  
5 have some written remarks that I've submitted here, but  
6 I'll read them out loud.

7 As a nation, we must have independent sources  
8 of energy if we are to remain strong. As a part of our  
9 nuclear energy generation, we must provide for a safe  
10 storage of the byproducts of that production. The search  
11 for the initial best location has focused on Yucca  
12 Mountain, and until other sites are developed or the  
13 nuclear waste can be totally converted and thus rendered  
14 harmless, we should work with the federal government to  
15 make it the best system that the federal and other  
16 states' financing can provide.

17 As one of 50 states of the United States of  
18 America, our state government officials should take the  
19 national view, and instead of catering to the locally  
20 popular no-way position, Nevada politicians should  
21 courageously adopt "Nevada, the nation's leader, shows  
22 the way" position and explain to the State that we are an  
23 important contributor to our national security as part of  
24 our energy program.

25 Thank you.