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4 MR. O.Q. CHRIS JOHNSON: My name is O.Q Chris
5 Johnson. And one of the hats I wear is the chairman of the
6 Nevada Committee for Full Statehood.
7 It's a committee that is dedicated to the
8 enlightenment, the awareness, and the empowerment of people
9 around the state to recognize that Nevada is fully a
10 sovereign state and not a federal enclave.
11 I have a challenge to anyone who wants to read
12 this statement. There is no one who can prove
13 conclusively, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that these lands,
14 these unappropriated, unsold lands of the State of Nevada,
15 belong to the Federal Government. No one can prove that.
16 They try, but they fall short.
17 The Nevada Committee for Full Statehood can
18 prove beyond a doubt, conclusively, that these lands, the
19 unappropriated, unsold lands within the exterior borders of
20 the state of Nevada, are owned by the State of Nevada.
21 It's just unfortunate that our government, your
22 State Legislature, namely, the Senate, and our Attorney
23 General refuse to acknowledge that fact and to act
24 accordingly.
25 As a sovereign state, our governor could right
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1 now be dictating the routes to be taken, possible routes to
2 be taken, and the use of the status of Yucca Mountain.
3 I just found out that Yucca Mountain has been
4 properly removed from state ownership, lands removed from
5 state ownership by proper session under Article 1,
6 Paragraph 8, Clause 17, which allows for the Federal
7 Government to -- and with the approval of the Nevada State
8 Legislature -- to take -- allows the State to set aside,
9 cede land to the Federal Government for those purposes
10 stated under Article 1, Paragraph 8, Clause 17.
11 Otherwise, all of the unappropriated, unsold
12 land in the state of Nevada is under the control and
13 domination of the governor, the state legislature, the
14 attorney general, and Nevada government as a whole, and the

15 counties.
16 The counties may play a big role in this if --
17 when they wake up to the fact that we are a sovereign
18 state.
19 As to my personal opinion, I believe the Yucca
20 Mountain project is feasible. It's doable. And it will be
21 good for the State.
22 There is one industry, just one industry
23 alone, the cleaning of the transportation casks -- first of
24 all, the transportation casks are different than the
25 storage casks. I made the tour and this is what I have
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1 gleaned from the material that I have read.
2 So the transportation casks need to be
3 unloaded and repacked into other casks, which will go in
4 the mountain for storage. Then these transportation casks
5 need to be cleaned and made ready for their trip back
6 across the country in order to pick up another load of
7 spent fuel.
8 Well, that alone will generate over a million
9 dollar business for the area right in the Beatty area,
10 right in the vicinity of Amargosa Valley, Lathrop Wells.
11 So with Nevada exercising its state
12 sovereignty, Nevada will have full say on how this nuclear
13 spent fuel will be used in the future.
14 And it is a brand new resource for the State
15 of Nevada. It's worth billions, billions of dollars to the
16 State to be able to recycle, reuse it, send it back out
17 into the industry as radioactive isotopes.
18 And I understand that through a process, which
19 I am not capable of describing at this point, this nuclear
20 spent fuel can be recycled, regenerated, so that it can be
21 used again to make electricity.
22 So there is a possibility of nuclear-powered
23 electrical generating plants right on the Nevada Test Site
24 right there adjacent to Yucca Mountain.
25 So that's pretty much the extent of my
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1 comments.

2 (WHEREUPON, the statement was concluded)