

14 KATHY BANCROFT: Thank you for this
15 opportunity to speak, and [I'm really glad you had 7
16 this hearing in Lone Pine. It's about time, because
17 we do count. We're close. We live here. And this
18 means as much to us. Even though there aren't that
19 many of us here, this is our home. It has been our
20 home for thousands of years.

21 And I really like what people have said all
22 along tonight and thought I wasn't going to have to
23 speak. I'm a trained chemist and I have degrees in
24 chemistry and biology. And I've gone to school and
25 know a lot of people that have done research on this
1 mountain and they don't like it. Everybody I ever
2 spoke to said, you know, for every research that says
3 it's bad, there's one that says it's good, and for
4 one that says it's good, there's one that says it's
5 bad.

6 There's too many different points of view.
7 You can get research to say whatever you like. But
8 when this gentleman got up it just reminded me of my
9 father was in the military too, and when they first
10 did the first testing of these bombs in the Bikini
11 Islands, his job was to haul in carpenters and
12 livestock. And they built towns and hauled in all
13 these animals to see the effects this bomb would have
14 on them. They had no idea. They wanted to see what
15 would happen.

16 And he was there on the boats when they set

17 those off. And when they set them off, they panicked
18 and they ran as fast as they could to get out from
19 under that mushroom cloud because they had no idea it
20 would be that big.

21 And that's exactly what we're repeating is
22 doing things without thinking of the consequences,
23 and that's not right. That's why we're in the
24 position we're in now, and we're just continuing it.
25 We're repeating the same mistakes over and over.

1 People need to stop and think. That's all I have to
2 say right now. } Thank you.