

very conscious of the fact that there may be liabilities that we will assume if we proceed too rapidly with the community consent issue. So they are somewhat interrelated, Senator. I don't see how they can't be.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Folks, yeah, the concerns are being raised in the other states, but I disagree that it is the governors or the legislatures that are raising those concerns. It is the outside interests that are raising those concerns because Nebraska was in a vulnerable position. The host state, whoever it may be, with present language was in a vulnerable position. LB 837 gives the host state, whoever that may be, the power that they should have. Now even without community consent vote, folks, Boyd County could be unlicensable and this facility could, thus, then go to another state. If those legislators and governors are concerned about their citizens and their citizens right as a potential future host state, they will adopt LB 837, no questions asked. They realize that may happen. There are outside interests that are pushing this false agenda of community consent and any other thing that may impede licensure to raise questions about host state protections. That is what LB 837 is. Again, I will say if I am Arkansas, and I realize that the Boyd site may fall through on licensing and, thus, the compact may come back and look at all the states for host state status, I darn well better hurry and embrace LB 837 because I may be the future host state. This other...these other questions, it is a false issue. Many things can cause the facility to go down. Again, if you want to read the transcript, Arkansas's member of the compact voted for community consent. We don't...some of us don't feel that has been achieved yet. Some of us feel it should be achieved, since it was promised, but that issue is separate from LB 837. The people that thought that was a good transfer of liability of all this waste to the citizens of Nebraska, and particularly put the burden on the people of Boyd County, are, indeed, nervous. But the people that represent the citizens of these other member states realizing that they may be a future host state should embrace 837 no matter what happens because they still, indeed, realize that they may be a host state in the near or long-term future, and LB 837 is nothing but the proper procedure to give the host state, who is bearing the burden of all of this, the proper tools to protect their citizens. These other issues are pure bogus. Thank you.