

it's really... I think we're making some breakthroughs as far as storage is concerned and amount of need of for storage. I think that we have also been given the information that we don't need 13 of these waste sites in Nebraska or in the nation. Right now, according to federal law, it requires 13 of these waste sites be constructed. At this point, Nebraska and California are the only two waste sites that are on schedule. The rest of the compact areas are dragging their feet. And so it appears to us that if you need only three or four, which is the most common information we have now, Nebraska goes ahead with theirs, California goes ahead with theirs, may not need any more and we could be taking the waste for the entire nation here. We would like to see a little bit of a slowdown in this process and, as far as that goes, the timeliness factor is really not a factor. We're so far ahead of everybody else that we have plenty of time to do this vote and to find another site if it's necessary. Thank you.

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

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam, I call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, the question has been called. Are there sufficient seconds? We will proceed with a vote on the motion to call the question. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 16 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails, we proceed with debate. Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President, and members. Folks, I don't think we need to drag this out a lot but I had some points I wanted to reemphasize for those who might not have been on the floor earlier. The consent was promised. It's documented, promised by a state government, promised by the folks in charge of this process, the Compact Commission, promised by everyone involved in this process for years. We have newspaper quotes, we have documentation, anything you want to look at, over and over again the promise was made, the state promised their citizens, guaranteed them, made them certain guarantees. If we don't pass this, we are taking those