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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Beutler, Vrtiska, and Landis.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Wickersham, members of the...members of the Legislature, on February 17th the Natural Resources Committee did have a hearing and we had good testimony, a rather lengthy hearing and something sometimes senators don't like to sit through, but this is my third year on the committee and it seems like we have to go through this gut-wrenching process of hearing what's gone on in Boyd County. May no one in here ever have to go through what has gone on in Boyd County. And Senator Kristensen talked about what happened in Senator Vrtiska's district and the district that I represent. One of the proposed sites was Nora, Nebraska. To give you some idea of how that affects me, it's...I was married in the United Methodist Church there at Nora, Nebraska. It's where my in-laws are from. And it tore Nuckolls County apart. And so Senator Kristensen has put it very well. It's time that we withdraw. This has been a flawed process from day one and I can't add much to what Senator Kristensen has said, but I know he has his light on further. And I can tell you that the committee voted 8 to 0 to advance this bill to the floor. It's very simple. It says we withdraw from the compact. We have the opinion of the Washington law firm, which I think will strengthen our position. And, Senator Kristensen, if you would like the rest of my time, you're welcome to it.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Kristensen, you have about three and a half minutes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Schrock. The other issues that we have to deal with here is, what risks do we run? Is this a risk-free event? It's not. We could lose in federal court. If we would lose there, there, in fact, there's been an injunction, a temporary injunction. I think that's scheduled to be heard, I'm looking for Senator Dierks, April...middle of April, the 10th of April will be argued in federal court, a temporary injunction, and that injunction is in place right now. That has stopped the flow of money to the monitoring committees up in the Boyd County. That stopped the flow of money to this state to assist us in the siting process