

you folks please stand and be welcomed. Thank you. We're glad to have you with us. Senator Korshoj, followed by Senators McFarland and Abboud.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, my seat mate has his main spring wound very, very tight so I'm merely going to say I'm in favor of countywide vote and then I'm going to give him the rest of my time. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Korshoj.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I had some problems with this voting issue all along, I have, and I still do, but I listened to the arguments we shouldn't vote for the voting amendment because of federal milestones. I say, folks, anything...any siting we do, if we do...if we pass legislation just to simply meet federal milestones, that's a mistake. To pass bad legislation just to meet a milestone is not good business. We need to let the people of this state know that we're doing this and we're going to do it right. We will meet those milestones. We'll make a conscious effort to meet them but if we go over them a few days, a month or so, as long as we're making that conscious effort I think the Governor can guarantee and make the feds be comfortable with the fact that we are going on with this process. If the argument that you hold is that a vote won't allow the proper environmental siting in the state, that a vote won't allow it to be placed in the most environmentally safe place in this state, that doesn't hold any water because, as I said yesterday, we threw that out the window long ago. Price and availability, price and availability, that were the...that was the considerations in Nemaha County. There were particles of land, parts of land...parcels of land that were considered on the top list to be better after a general review than the site that we presently now have. But they wanted too much money for that land so we couldn't spend that much money. We couldn't get a commitment out of that landowner so we went over and bought where we could get a reduced price, we could get a price on it. If you're argument is that this is going to split these communities further, that we can't...I cannot vote for this because it's going to split the communities, folks, the communities are split right now. I really thank my stars that my communities are...my community is not as split as Senator Kristensen and Senator Dierks'. But if