government. I do believe in local control, always have. I have
always voted that way.   I think you will find my record is
that...supports that statement.   I can't help but think that
were I in the position that my constituents are in in Boyd
County that I would certainly want my representative to do the
things that I have done or tried to do for them.   I can't help
but think that the constituents of Nemaha County and Nuckolls
County and Webster County or any other county in the state would
have the same feeling. They want us to represent them and today
I think this vote will give us the opportunity to give them that
representation.   They have asked us to provide them with the
right to vote. My personal opinion is they have always had that
right and, to me, this is just a way to cement that right.   I
only ask that you help me in advancing this amendment, attaching
it to the bill even though I felt many times like I was Don
Quixote fighting those windmills because the lobby is difficult,
the lobby is extremely difficult to come up against in this
situation, but I still think that ethics and integrity should be
the call of the day and it gives us an opportunity to provide
the people of our district the selection process, the right to
vote.   It gives them an opportunity to see us provide them our
integrity and our ethics. I would like to give the rest of my
closing now to Senator Scofield. Thank you.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Last year we had
this same discussion about what is going to constitute community
consent. And if you look at Senator Dierks' amendment, some of
the language that is stricken on page 1695, starting with
line 24, it says, "It is the intent of the Legislature that
potential host communities be actively and voluntarily involved
in the siting process. To the extent possible, consistent with
the highest level of protection for the health and safety of the
citizens of the state and protection of the environment, the
developer shall make every effort to locate the facility where
community support is evident." I didn't like that language. I
argued last year that that's not going to solve the problem of
community consent and, sure enough, it hasn't. And so I think
what we did last year was we talked a little bit about we still
need to define community consent and the voting provision was
not adopted. But I think what that language really did is it
put the burden to resolve this on the shoulders of the developer
and, obviously, the developer hasn't been able or skillful
enough to get us to where we are. And I'm not going to stand up
here and point fingers at anybody. That's already caused some
hard feelings on this floor this morning. But the fact of the