

from the amendment we had on General File in that it specifies that an election can take place in five counties, and if the election is negative in all five counties, that the Director of the Department of Environmental Control will still have the opportunity and the right to select a site in one of those counties. If the vote is negative in each one...in all of those five counties, the Director of the Department of Environmental Control will have the right to go ahead and place the site in one of those counties. I would like to tell you again, as we did on General File, that we need to allow these people' this input. The people in my district in Boyd County live in an extremely divided community. The county is split from one end to the other and the same thing is happening in other counties that have been selected. The only way we're going to stop that division is to allow them the right to express their opinions, give them their democratic due, let them vote on the issue. There can be nothing wrong with that. That is part of the process. There can be nothing wrong with allowing them to express themselves and to let their feelings be known about this issue. There was much discussion on this last issue about whether Mr. Kaufman should be on that local committee and I really see nothing wrong with that, although the body didn't agree. It was mentioned that...Senator Schmit said that we do need to go back to these communities and ask for local help and I agree with that, and I think this is an opportunity with this amendment to do just that, to ask for their help and their input. It was also suggested that there are too many amendments on this bill on Select File, that this is no place to draft legislation and I agree with that too. And I think it should be also mentioned for the record that most of these amendments were in committee and were not approved, so we think strongly enough about them that we're going to bring them out again and try the 25-vote way. It appears to me that if we're going to be responsive to the people we represent that we are going to allow them input into the way their lives are directed. That is why we're here. We are here to help them help themselves. I don't believe we're here to harass or to shove something down their throat and that's the feeling that they have so far. With this amendment, we'll be giving them the opportunity to direct themselves and direct us in how they want to be dealt with. I sincerely would appreciate your vote to approve this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Dierks amendment, Senator Schmit, followed by Senators Elmer, Morrissey