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add two additional counties, it is reasonable and it is logical to assume that the two additional counties would not be as safe a location as the three which are already involved. Then the conclusion must be drawn that in order to satisfy the three host counties, presently, at least those who do not want the site located there, that, hopefully, one of the other two counties would vote in favor of the location of the site in their community. And then we would have the site located in the community...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that is publicly acceptable, but where, for safety reasons, that it may not be acceptable. Then by whose criteria shall we abide? I think then we would have some very sincere responsibilities to the public and some very serious legal responsibilities which I do not wish to assume and which I do not believe you want to assume. Senator Dierks is working valiantly for his people. I give him credit for that and I encourage him to do so, but I encourage all of you to do the responsible thing and vote against Senator Dierks' amendment, not because you do not respect Senator Dierks, not because you do not feel for the people who are opposing the bill as it stands, but because you feel that responsibility is best served by preserving the bill as it stands today. It is not a desirable position for me to be in, it is not one which I relish, it is not one...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...which the committee chooses to put themselves in, but we accepted that responsibility and we must face up to it. I ask you to oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Priority motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to bracket LB 761 until Tuesday, May 16.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a way of interjecting my thoughts into the debate. I'll withdraw the motion at the end of my time, sit down and I don't