

think I'll be back up yet today. You might recall in Romeo and Juliet when the dying Mercutio and the wounded Tybalt there, the Prince of Verona says, a plague on both your houses, to both sides because there has been so much injury that has been brought about and, unfortunately, we are still at those two houses, calling names across the chasm and we have not listened to that admonition. There is shame enough here for all of us, including the Legislature which too inadequately rushed into this matter and agreed to the idea of a compact too quickly and basically because we felt we had an assurance that it wasn't going to be us. We should have lived with the possibility that it would be us. Frankly, there is some admonition for the Governor here who has interjected the idea of community consent which was not heretofore discussed until basically it seems to me the executive branch brought it up, and those representations were made and they haven't come true. There is abnegation I think for US Ecology for not being forthcoming, for being remote, for having played along with the communities' consent and now pulling the rug out from under that idea. There is difficulty with the compact itself and how remote it has been and what kind of strings we have put onto this issue, and there is condemnation for the opponents as well. It seems to me that they are fed a great many conspiracy theories. There has been a great deal of fear mongering and I, personally, find reprehensible the notion of economic pressure being used to form somebody else's political belief, that you have to use the cattle prod of a boycott before you can get somebody to believe what you believe. That, to me, is worthy of condemnation as well with our own name on that list. What this body has not owned up to is that a representation, not of this body's making, has been made and has worked itself into the public debate, clearly in these three counties and that is that community consent is to be a part of the disposition of the issue. And in 761, it seems to me that we've pulled the rug out of that without even the decency of an apology, without saying we're sorry. Now I'll tell you that I intend to vote against "Cap" Dierks' amendment and I'll tell you why, because it is flawed and it is part of the very thing I don't like about the opponents to this issue and that is that it seems to me they want to string things out forever and not own up to the compact and not own up to the vote of the people. John Wehling is right, we've had a vote of the people and, as flawed as that was, we have to honor that. We've got to build this facility and if we want to invent new mechanisms of getting around that truth, which I think this amendment does, then we've got to