

puncture those and say, uh-uh. The first priority is that we're going to meet our obligations under the compact and we're going to build that facility and if your assumption is to the contrary, unfortunately, we part ways. But having said that, that we build this facility, that we will build this facility, it seems to me that there is room for some discussion. What we have to move away from is the idea of a local veto, of a local veto and "Cap" has given us some of the elements of that. Now I'll tell you what I think. It seems to me, are the elements that if it was in an amendment, I could vote for it and I could vote for it as somebody who intends to see that facility built pursuant to the compact, inside the boundaries of this state. Number one, the number of counties wouldn't be five, it would be three. Why? Because those are the three counties that we've identified. If you add five, you just string the time line out, you bring more people into the factor. It seems to me that that's meant to trip the notion that there are others who are at risk and thereby strike their conscience. Number one, the number of counties should be three and they should be limited to the ones that we've already identified. Secondly, the votes shouldn't be strung out one after another so that whoever is in charge of the statewide network takes their story from one side to the next, to the next and build on each one, it should be held the same day so that all three counties are asked, will you or won't you accept this on the same day? Third, the counties shouldn't have a veto. If they say no and all three counties say no, then "Cap's" result should occur and that is that there should be a selection. At this point, we have reneged on community consent for which we, by the way, should say, we're sorry that it ever happened. You deserved better from us, we should have worked harder at finding community consent, we didn't do it. The Governor used that phrase, she never came up with what she meant. This is the best the Legislature could do and we're darned sorry, but we ought to. But the day should come when all the votes come to an end and you build the facility. The facility gets built. It's not a local veto. A third thing that should happen is that if you've got this compensation in this package, you should add a second round of compensation that should include some money from the state and from US Ecology which is going to get fat on this contract, and that should be an offsetting compensation saying we understand there is risk, we understand you feel the quality of your community is diminishing, here's a pot of money. If you'll accept this at this risk, that you can invest to make your community better in a way you want, whether it's a swimming pool