

against this amendment, but I will tell you, it seems to me that there are forms in which we could structure not a local veto, and in that sense we have to apologize because it is not true community consent, but a form in which...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...there is a request for a community observance, participation, and even the turning down, if you will, through the vote form, the notation of opposition through a vote that is allowed in a timely fashion in those three counties that doesn't disturb time lines, that is structured with better compensation, that creates an incentive to say yes, and, if it is not given, then we go on and build the facility as this body intends to do pursuant to the vote of the people. I withdraw the motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Back to the discussion on the Dierks amendment, Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your eloquent discussion, Senator Landis. Many of the points you made I had intended to make. Voting is proper for citizens to decide if a project is one they both use and pay for, at least by the majority, if they are used and paid for by the majority of the people that are voting. Second point of this logical exercise, five states, the citizens of five states, the power production, research institutions, and medical centers are paying for and building these facilities, and all the citizens of all our five states are meeting the responsibilities through the building of the facility. And I am sure you will agree it is neither ethical nor morally correct for the citizens of one county in one state to have the power to pass or reject on an issue that is a public responsibility of all the people of five states. If we are to logically offer a vote, it should be referred to all involved, the public of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, as well as all of the citizens of Nebraska, not just one county, and I would urge the rejection of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I just