

made a mistake, but we are honorable enough that we are going to abide by that mistake and not back out of the compact. But that doesn't mean that the vote on 402...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: ...was one of initiative...or was one of community consent, and I don't believe right now that what is being portrayed as community consent with a few people of a particular district or a city, if they say it is okay even though the majority of the people in that community say, no, that that somehow constitutes community consent. We have never had any real proposal by any of the persons who made all of those assurances and promises about community consent as to a community consent provision or community consent legislation. Senator Dierks, I believe, has brought forth a very reasonable proposal. Five counties, three of the counties have already been selected. It was my understanding that not only...the initial design was to select three counties and have two alternate counties. Two alternate counties have not been selected, and certainly they could be. Then let those five counties vote, and say two of the counties approve it and three of them don't, do not approve it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: It seems to me it would be much better to locate it in a county where there is community consent rather than forcing it into a county or community where the majority of the voters reject the waste site dump location. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise in opposition to the amendment by my good friend, Senator Dierks. This, as many of the speakers have noted, is a very difficult issue that this Legislature has struggled with, that the committee, the committee has struggled with, the Natural Resources Committee, of which I am a member has struggled with over the years. It has not just been this year. We are now down to the point where we have a bill which, in the view of most people, I believe, is an improvement, is an improvement, but I see with all these amendments that are on the bill, the last I counted there were about 10, this bill is being threatened by the people who would like to make it a better bill. At this late date in the