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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, actually Senator Dierks' aide did this amendment based apparently on my talk earlier. It says that this is limited to three counties, not five, and we know what those three counties are; secondly, that there will be an election 60 days after notification that the developer gives. Can't run forever. The developer has control of the timetable, can do this thing without any difficulty inside the developer's timetable. Third, that the election is on the same date so that you can't have a truck and pony show that takes some story one place and not another. They are all going to be done on the same date. You can't use one community's rejection to put more pressure on a second community. They all do it the same day. The question is, why would you have people vote, when a yes carries the day and when a no does not carry the day? In fact, what you have got there is you have got the opportunity out of those three counties of finding community consent. Secondly, by staging an election, you give people a chance to participate. Third, you also create a forum to force the issue into the home county to let people stand this issue for election, to bring US Ecology, bring the compact, bring DEC out into the hinterland to explain, to justify, to answer questions. If you don't have it, will you have as much information? I doubt it. Will you have as many forums and contacts so that theories and fears and conspiracies can be put to rest? I doubt it. You have this election because elections instruct, as well as sample opinion. You have this election because at least the answer yes carries with it meaning and significance. I would suggest this. I would suggest that you adopt this into the Dierks amendment. I believe "Cap" will accept this as a friendly amendment. At that point, Senator Weihing, you'd have a system which will see that a facility is built in Nebraska, that at the end of it, if there are three rejections, there will be a siting in Nebraska inside the time lines, but you have added one additional benefit. You have given a sampling of community support. You may have identified a county who would voluntarily accept it. You have increased participation, discussion, and knowledge of the issue without losing the final conclusion, and that is, we are in the compact and it has got to be built inside this state. That is not up for grabs, because at the end of "Cap" Dierks' arrangement here is the siting of this location. Now if Senator Dierks would