

technically complex. It might not be complex but no one really knows because it has never been done, never been done. This other handout I showed you, cites in the middle, "the Department of Energy and the nuclear industry don't think that all the contaminated areas should be cleaned up, according to the General Accounting Office officials who testified. They cited parts of facilities at Hanford, Rocky Flats, Fernald, Ohio, Savannah River, South Carolina as examples of sites too badly contaminated for any cleanup to be economical. They said they did not think the proportion of hopeless sites would go as high as two-thirds of the total." Let's hope that the hopeless sites, the ones we fence off and put the big poison sign around will not go as high as two-thirds. The people that voted for 402, they didn't know about this, and this isn't our program, but this goes back to what I said earlier of the possibility of our sites setting empty because the waste stream is diminishing and the federal government being in a crisis on management of their own sites. The crisis is real. Nobody knew that when they voted for these, for this contract, to stay in the compact. I simply say that we have a lot more information now, folks.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I will go...I am in complete agreement with the three-county vote. I support it. If we go with three counties and they vote it down and then we force it upon one of those counties, that is no more than we are doing without the vote. So let's give them the opportunity to express their opinion so we do know. If you do have one county with community consent, then the option is to go with that county. And I do have...if anyone on this floor should be against this, any of this voting, it is me because I have a feeling, a bad feeling that my county may be the only one that accepts it, and if it weren't for the fact that the high level of protection of the citizens' health and the best place in the state was thrown out the window long ago, I would have a big problem with it. But since I have found out how this siting process has proceeded, let's do it. I can't lose. My opponents want a vote and my proponents want the site...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...no matter what. So let's support Senator Landis's amendment and "Cap's" amendment.