

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. Speaker and members, I made a statement on the floor. I maintain that these figures are valid and I will ask anyone...I have given my opinion to the Governor's Office, and told them to go to other people, independent people, and ask them to review this contract. So we will wait and see what the Governor's Office says. I have left myself wide open here, folks, wide open. I am convinced that these figures are correct. Anyone on the floor or anyone in the state can go get proof that this is a good contract, that this is a good utilities rate contract. I am wide open on that. Come on, prove me wrong. I will give you all the opportunity and option, and I will eat my words. I am convinced what I said and I am convinced that these numbers are correct. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate close? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Landis, to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, let me remind you what this does so we can get to the vote. It gives the vote to the three counties 60 days after notification by the developer. They vote on the same date. By the way, since this is on Select File, should you wish to pursue the notion of compensation which I think is an appropriate one from the state's perspective, we have lots of opportunities in other bills to do that. What the bill does...what this amendment and the underlying Dierks amendment would do would be to give a county the power to say yes without giving the county the power to say no. Now there may be those who claim that is hypocritical. Fair enough, I can understand that. It is certainly shy of the community consent that I think they believe that they have always felt that they were going to be entitled to and they don't have it, but if you want to rescue the possibility of a bargain here, if you want to rescue the possibility of agreement, you have got to give these people the chance to say yes, if they are going to say yes. And, by