

protect the health of the citizens of this state, but we don't really care if we are or not. We have no concern. We don't want to really know. We can say this facility is safe, you can eat the stuff. We can say it over and over and over. We don't want to consider there are questions. There are possibilities. There are studies that have shown there are problems, possibly could be problems in the future. And we want to protect the health of the people, but we really don't want to know if we're actually doing it. It makes...it sounds good, it sounds real good. The first statement in the bill, the first statement out of the Governor's mouth, we must protect the health of the citizens, but we don't really mean it, do we? We want a good operator, a good corporation running this facility. We really want to know what they're all about when they first start running it. But we really couldn't care less, down the road, who owns the facility, not until after it's too late to do anything about it. We could have a bunch of Nazi skinheads come in and buy up this facility and we wouldn't know until the door was shut, it was way too late to do anything about it, but we don't really care, it will be safe, don't worry. This is very frustrating, folks, very frustrating. With that, I will pull that last amendment.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, do you have something else on it?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator McFarland. Senator, I have AM1569 in front of me. (McFarland amendment is found on page 2270 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Thank you, Mr. President and fellow senators. I'm not going to withdraw this one. It should be discussed. It may not be debated long. I think it should be voted upon. It is an amendment that I think has a lot of merit, that doesn't mean it will get a lot of votes, but it's an amendment that I drafted as a result of talking with a couple of the senators who had voted against Senator Dierks' original amendment on the right to vote. This amendment is one that gives the county board the discretion whether or not to hold a special election. It does not mandate that an election be held, it places that discretion in the county board of the particular county. The second thing it does is that it allows that the results of that election are not