

amendment several times, but I've not seen it. Obviously, as you have heard it explained by Senator Dierks, I do not understand it and I'm afraid that, without seeing it, it would be very irresponsible for us to adopt the amendment. I want to point out that some of what Senator Dierks is trying to accomplish may be valid, but if you adopt this amendment, as I understand, some of those appointments which have been made are not...are still going to be valid. And you cannot remove them by the adoption of this language. I'm not sure whether the adoption of this language, Senator Dierks, allows for the valid appointment of additional members. I don't see how anyone on this floor could possibly support this amendment without seeing it, without having a written explanation of it, knowing exactly what it does. And, as I said, there has been some concern about this for a long time, but certainly we do not want to, at this time, this late hour, without having seen the amendment, adopt it. It would be most unwise. I, therefore, oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, let me, who understands as much about townships as a person from Mars would understand about the Nebraska Legislature if he or she or it or they had never seen it before. I think, from what I gather that Senator Dierks has said, is the following, that there can be a township that does not have a municipality in it. The fact that this township has no municipality within it does not mean that there are not municipalities close to the site. So, if you have a situation where there are no municipalities in a particular township, but there are municipalities near the site, then you will not take both representatives from a single municipality. The two nearest municipalities would each be allowed to send a representative to the monitoring committee. Senator Dierks, am I close to what you're talking about?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I think you're doing pretty well, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Now, Senator Schmit, just turn around and leave me alone. I told you I'm trying to wing it like somebody from Mars would try to explain the Legislature. If you have a situation...maybe you ought to leave it right there. Senator Dierks, do we have a situation existing now