

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. The amendment that I have is a relatively simple amendment. It's AM2837, and I believe the Page is distributing it right now. The amendment is one that will exempt money received from the administration of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Policy Act from the district formula resources. In other words, we want to keep the \$2 million that will be coming to Boyd County, if that is the site that is selected, or whichever county receives this site, from being included in the accountable receipts of the district. It's just that simple. We have a...you know we have a situation there where virtually all forms of revenue in the district, according to 1059, is going to be included here. So there might be some reluctance to accept this exemption, but I think this is a very unique case, because you know we have people in Boyd County that support this facility in the face of great opposition, and...because of incentives such as the cash fund. There are also those who would like to see it removed from the Waste Disposal Policy Act, and I can see their reasoning, too. But my point is that it makes absolutely no sense to hand this funding to Boyd County through one act and take it away through another. So, I think perhaps we should rethink the distribution of the money within the waste facility, but we shouldn't do it through this bill. So I would just ask your approval of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I've been sitting here all day, waiting to talk, my light has been on and off, on and off, and I have to be really honest and tell you that you can turn me off, if you think I'm out of order, because I really don't have any opinion on the Dierks amendment right now. (Laughter.) But I want an opportunity to say a few words. You know I wanted to join other people on the floor that are talking about the magnificent job that I think the people that have worked on LB 1059 have done. This has to have been a monumental task. But the other thing that I do want to say, though, is that it has raised some questions for me today on the floor, and I think that we should be willing to listen to the concerns that are expressed here and take the time to work out the best bill we possibly can, because I don't think that something this...making these kinds of sweeping changes can be something