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SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...and we would like them addressed and we're asking your help in that. And they basically said, all right, we're willing to help close those loopholes because we do realize that some day we may be a host state and we would be comfortable with that, too, and we would not be comfortable with a situation as it currently exists, so we support you in your effort. I'd ask the body to support LB 837. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. I'll now recognize Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam President, members, I'm not going to say much more about the issue. I've tried to cover what I thought were some of the substantial parts and Senator Beutler has done a good job also of covering some of the technical details of this bill, but I just want talk in terms of generality in that there has been an awful lot of work that has been put into this issue and substantial investment of time by everyone involved and I guess I want to thank them personally at this particular point for the work that they have done. There has been an awful lot of giving and taking in this particular...as this particular proposal has worked its way through the process, but this is a substantial piece of legislation that we are considering here today and very important to the State of Nebraska, if, in fact, we become the host state. And I think we have to recognize that these are protections that we are placing in the compact to protect us as well as future states if they become the host state at some point. And so I think it is extremely important that we act on this issue today and move this bill across and there have been some good questions asked that have not received answers yet today and between General and Select File I and Senator Beutler and others will be trying to find some of the answers that may not have been adequately responded to today, but I appreciate the hard work that the Governor and everyone involved has devoted to this issue as Senator Kristensen indicated. We have spent hours, literally hours and hours hearing testimony on this bill and many others and I want to say there are other points that Senator Morrissey said dealing with this low-level issue that we were still working on in committee and I'm assuming you will hear much more about low-level later in this session. This is dealing more with the compact. There are other internal struggles that we as a state have to deal with on the siting process, on the community consent process and all of those that