

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, there is not and that's the problem.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members, I guess many of the questions I was going to ask, Senator Elmer has asked, and I guess I am just concerned at this date of this amendment, how it might affect our negotiations with the other states, and since the amendment hasn't been seen until this point in time, I am a little concerned about adopting language to this bill as we are, in theory I guess, dealing with the compact language. Now it is my understanding in Senator Beutler's explanation, this is not amending that language. It is amending our own state statutes but, regardless, I guess I am just a little concerned about the adoption of this particular amendment. I will listen further to Senator Beutler's comments but, as I say, I am just concerned as this particular amendment comes at a time when as we have, I guess, dealt on a rather delicate situation that we want to do nothing, I guess, to unbalance those negotiations with the other states, and I am just a little concerned. I would have liked to have seen the amendment earlier but, nonetheless, I am just a little concerned with how we are moving on this particular language. Until such time as I have had further time to dwell on the language, I have, as I said, some concerns with this amendment at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. If you want to open your bill book to LB 837, the amendment Senator Beutler is offering amends the portion of state law which is not compact law. On page 2, line 6 is where the amendment addresses state law. On page 3, line 15 or line 14, you will see in bold, in capital letters, CENTRAL INTERSTATE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMPACT, ARTICLE I. POLICY AND PURPOSE. From there on is the portion of state law that has to be amended identically by all the member states. This is a simple amendment on how we operate under those laws. It tells the Governor that he may appoint the nonvoting member upon submission of the application, which is already done, or application for license of a facility, or on the effective date of this act, whichever occurs later. So we are not amending