

states. It is almost perfunctory in nature, but I appreciate your concern, given the sensitivity of the entire matter.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Beutler, I know that this is very sensitive, and not just in Nebraska. It is sensitive in every state in the United States. One other question that I might ask.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR ELMER: Why would we appoint this nonvoting member when it is a submission for an application for a license? The license might never be issued. Perhaps might it be more proper to make the appointment when the license was issued?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, that is a fair question and I think the Governor's thinking on that matter was that it is good to get somebody appointed and oriented to the problem and working on the problem. Even though they cannot formally participate until a later point in time, it is helpful to that person to know what they are doing, to be able to gather information, to be the focus of information gathering, to build contacts up in the community for purposes of education and communicating with people in the community. I think there is a lot to be said for having that person appointed at an early point in time. Now remember that under other provisions, this person serves at the pleasure of the Governor. So if it should turn out at some later point in time, that it is not Boyd County, that it is another county, the Governor would then reappoint somebody else from a different county under that provision of his powers.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, I just wanted to offer my support for the amendment that Senator Beutler has brought, and in somewhat of an answer to the questions that Senator Elmer had, one of the problems that we have had since the beginning of the discussion on this issue was that the people from Boyd County were pretty much, or at least they felt like they were pretty much kept in the dark. And I think maybe the Governor agreed with that, so it looks to me like this is an attempt to help alleviate some of that situation, let those people have input directly from the horse's