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vote, and we have not identified the area as to what would be called local, and we do not even know if that bill will come to the floor yet or not, but there has been a lot of discussion about it. And the rumbling that I get is that our friends in Arkansas are saying, wait a minute, the deal on 837 was a total deal, and did not include any more activity relative to location of site. And I guess I am concerned that the provisions of 837 might not be all agreed upon, if, in fact, other factors are brought into the argument based upon additional bills. You do not have any knowledge of that, I understand?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I have heard that theory proposed also, Senator Schmit, but I can tell you one thing from my discussions with the Governor and from my personal experience with him, that anything other than the material that is in 837 has never been a part of any discussion heretofore, has never been a part of any deal. The Governor is not dealing on community consent. I am not sure how I feel about that issue, but I can tell you how the Governor feels on that issue. He believes that those people were given the word of a Governor that there would be a vote on community consent, and I believe it is his intention to do the best that he can...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to implement that promise and to restore the credibility of government, and he is not dealing on that issue.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I really don't want to go into that in any great detail at the present time, because I do not have any knowledge as to what was on the table in the negotiations with the Governor. I can only see what is before us at the present time, and I just wanted to raise the point because this body has been criticized in the past for not laying everything on the table and not discussing issues openly, and I had heard that negotiations in regard to the right to vote might have an adverse impact upon the passage of this language in the other states, and so I wanted that to be on the record. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Beutler is right, 837 is completely separate from these