

other issues. The other issues that concern member states are the issues that could conceivably in the future cause them to be the host state. If, indeed, they were the host state or should become the host state, they would eagerly adopt LB 837. It is a case of the shoe being on the other foot. That is why some people are now nervous with 837. Where we, as a state, had no guaranteed real tight language protecting us, 837 gives that right to the host state. Naturally people who are in a position to possibly take advantage of the host state, whoever that might be, would be nervous and a little uncomfortable that they are no longer in that position. LB 837, when adopted by all the host states in Congress, the portion of that that addresses the Compact Commission, will give the host state the authority that any host state should have because the host state will be bearing the brunt of the burden of this facility. If I were Arkansas and I was concerned that community consent, that my voting member had voted for in a compact commission, approved community consent, Arkansas has approved it through their compact commission member, in my opinion, in a compact meeting, an official meeting, we can show you the minutes, if you would like to see it, if I were Arkansas and was concerned that community consent might take Nebraska out as a host state, I would then be all the more strong in my support of LB 837 because then I, Arkansas, may become the host state in the future and I would want the proper controls that the host state should have. We are asking no more of these states than we are willing to live up to, if they should become a host state. And that is a perfect reason, any concern they might have with any of our other legislation is a perfect reason for them to embrace the concepts of LB 837. And I think if you want to talk to the people down there and ask them if they were the host state, would they rather live under present language or under the new language under 837, I think it would be unanimous that they would be much more comfortable as a host state under the provisions of LB 837. I'd urge your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think... Senator Johnson, would you yield to a question at this point?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Johnson, I guess I just want