

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Dierks. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, I didn't think Senator Rod Johnson was old enough to be a horse trader, but I think Senator Johnson put it pretty plainly. If anyone thinks you can trade horses in this deal and not call attention to an unsoundness of the horse and have a deal, you are whistling Dixie, and I think that Senator Morrissey's statements relative to the fact that other states are going to enthusiastically adopt this legislation out of great fear that they are going to be the host state is super optimism on the part of Senator Morrissey. I do not know nor do I think anyone knows what will constitute a local vote. I thought we had one only two years ago under 402, and I have been criticized so much and so extensively and so repeatedly for being stubborn on this issue, that I am more malleable today. I am learning from my errors. I am suffering from repentance realizing that I have to change my ways, and so I've told some folks that if they really want a right to vote, why that could probably be arranged. But I would just ask another question, that suppose that this Legislature, which we must do, establishes a voting area, and whether the voting area approves or disapproves of the location of the site in Boyd County, then will we have other objectors because the voting area which we established was not a fair voting area? I would like to ask Senator Dierks a question on the floor here today. Now he may not know the answer and he may not want to volunteer an answer but, Senator Dierks, do you have any suggestions as to what you feel would be considered a fair and equitable voting area for the citizens who live adjacent to the proposed solid waste or low-level waste site?

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Schmit, yes, I have very strong convictions about that. I believe that the countywide vote should be the area for a number of reasons. It is an area that affects the whole county. It provides...it is an easier election to provide rather than setting up a diameter or something like that because it is already in place, the election boundaries. And this issue does affect everybody downstream from the site so that people in the eastern part of the county should have a say in it. So we have pretty strong feelings that this would be the area of the vote.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Dierks. It makes a lot of