

sense to me, also, and I explained that to some residents of Holt County, who live closer to the site than many residents in Boyd County, who expressed strong opposition to the fact that they would not be allowed to vote, and I really don't suppose there is any way we can be 100 percent fair in this area, but at least, Senator Dierks, I appreciate the fact that you have made a statement here on the floor, which I think is laudable on your behalf, and you think it would be a countywide vote. And I don't know if anyone else has any point of view they would like to express in that area, but if they do, I would give them whatever time I have left to do so. Thank you very much.

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

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President and members, I have a question for Senator Beutler, if he could answer.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Beutler, on the nonvoting member, which we just adopted the language change, is it your understanding that this nonvoting member will be seated before the other states would ratify these changes or after the fact, after they have ratified it and Congress has approved it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Under the law, Senator Johnson, he could not be seated until the other states have ratified and till Congress has approved. The only purpose of appointing him at this point is so that he can be ready to serve full steam ahead when that point in time comes.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay, I just wanted to make sure that was on the record so we had some idea of when this individual would take effect. Secondly, Senator Morrissey made a comment that if community consent was not given, for example in this case Boyd County, that we could then go back to the compact and say there was no community consent in Nebraska, but in practicality I think that more than likely US Ecology would then look to the alternate sites of either Nuckolls or Nemaha County, as well as possibly looking at other sites around the State of Nebraska. Now, obviously, once you give community consent to Boyd County, you are going to have to give it to those other counties, so eventually there might be, someone could make a statement, there is no community consent. If all the counties have a vote and