

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, this bill was brought to me by Mary Sommermeyer of the office of the Revisor of Statutes. This really should have been a revisor bill, but she was sensitive of the fact that it dealt with the low-level nuclear waste issue and was very concerned that someone might have a perception that we were slipping something through the backdoor here on that issue. And so rather than have it introduced as a revisor bill, by the Executive Board Chair, she decided to have the bill introduced to the committee so that everybody knew what was going on. It simply was a mistake on the revisor's part in the improper referencing of a section in a revisor bill...or an E & R change. It amended the language, Section 81-15101.01, subparagraph (2), to change Section 81-15102.02. That's all the bill does. As I said, it's a technical bill in nature, could have been a revisor bill, but Mary was good enough to bring it to the committee so that people would know that we were not trying to do something here that was unethical or using a backdoor approach to make some changes with the low-level nuclear waste issue. And so that's the purpose of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend the bill. (R. Johnson amendment appears on pages 1020-21 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Quickly, this amendment simply is again a technical in nature amendment. It deletes Section 3 of LB 200, which was passed back in 1983. LB 200 was the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact. It placed this section in Chapter 81 of the statutes, which contains Nebraska's Low-Level Nuclear Waste Disposal Act. This section was never adopted by any of the member states of the compact, and does not appear in federal law. This amendment corrects the problem with the codification of this section. It reads, "For the purpose of Section (c), Article III of the compact, the Environmental Control Council is hereby designated as the rate-review agency for this state." It also adds the emergency clause so that, if this body passes LB 837, we can adopt, basically, both of those bills at the same time and codify the statutes. Again, it's another very technical change, just relocating, basically, the