

this bill. It looks to me like we're pushing the issue and there's nothing that really needs to be done today. We've, over the last several years, provided enough controversy and consternation for the people in Boyd County that I just don't think this is a very good message to be putting out there. We have ample opportunity next year, the year after, if we have to, to get this type of legislation passed and I'm just not going to support it and I wish you wouldn't, too. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I would rise to oppose LB 748. The committee amendments were very simple. Senator Elmer's amendment was very simple, just changing the description of the property. But I think this bill is so bad I couldn't even bring myself to vote for those simple amendments. So I had to pass on that. I think if we look at the bill, I agree with Senator Dierks, what is the hurry? Why is it that we need to transfer this land in case the Legislature is out of session? Why don't we want to have one final look at what's going on and go through the normal process that we go through when land is transferred to the state? Review by the Legislature and the authority or the right of the Governor to review that legislation and veto or not veto. What's the hurry? Why are we deciding now that we must do this just in case they're ready and we're not in session? And the way the bill reads, page 2, line...oh, I guess starting from the top, for purposes of meeting the requirements of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act, the Legislature accepts, on behalf of the State of Nebraska, certain real estate legally described as follows, if the application for a license to receive radioactive waste meets the requirements necessary for license...licensure. Folks, I maintain that the application may already meet the requirements for license to be issued. The application...I guess I must qualify that because the state has now asked for further clarifications and there is no complete license application on file yet. But once they answer those questions, there could be a complete license application on file and thus the application, not the site itself, but the application has met the legal requirements and thus will take title to that land. And I again ask the question, why? And I think back in the past of some of the discussions we have had on the low-level issue, one of the question was shared liability, shared state liability that we are addressing through LB 827, this year. We have to wait for four other states to pass this.