

We're asking them to sign this and in good faith give the host state, Nebraska, the rights that any host state should have. So why do we need to take title to this land before our guarantees through LB 827 are locked up? Can anyone give me a good answer for that? We want to wait to approve a license and to approve access to the facility to anyone in the compact until they have signed LB 827, the shared state liability act. So also in the past scenarios have been described that should Nebraska, say, withdraw from the compact, that that would not preclude the compact from submitting a license application on the Butte site and deny Nebraska access. And they can do that. If we just transfer them that land right now while we're out of session, they could conceivably come in, should for some reason we see something in the future that we should need to possibly withdraw...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...they could then come in, so they claim, or so someone is claiming, it was in the discussion last year, and site the facility in Nebraska and deny Nebraska access. Now if that's what you want to do, you support LB 748. If you want to maintain control of the situation, if you want to have the last word on the situation and you feel there is no need to further grease a situation that some have felt has been greased all along, you will vote against LB 748 and consider the consequences. This is not a simple bill. This has far-reaching consequences and I think it's a question that you should ask yourself. And before you vote for this bill, get out the low-level radioactive waste statutes and the compact commission contracts and all the discussion that's taken place pertaining to that...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...and make sure you're comfortable that what we're doing here is just a simple little move. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, the response to this bill, as you can tell, has been controversial but it is also addressing an area that needs to be addressed at some point. Now the question that Senator Morrissey and Dierks