

exercised its option to purchase the land in Boyd County. We would receive the land as...by gift, as I understand it, from U.S. Ecology. What we would do with it then, if for some reason, technical or otherwise, the site was unsuitable for licensure, that is a question I don't have an answer for either, Senator. I would have to check to find out for sure what purposes we might use that property for since we've obtained title to it now. I just don't have an answer for you, Senator, at this point, to answer your question specifically as to what we may want to do with that property. Obviously, the potential is there for the site to not be licensed, and I am assuming we would obtain title and hold the land and choose to make it probably...put it in the State Lands and Funds, School Lands and Funds. I don't know right now to give you an honest answer.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Is there any provision for U.S. Ecology to take it back if that site is not licensed?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: well, I am thinking through in my mind if there is a provision there, and I'd have to look that up to answer your question in honesty.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Now Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Again, I'd urge you to support the kill motion. Senator Elmer's reason for this and the only reason I have heard so far that we need it this year now, again, over lunch, the discussion was don't need it till next year by the compact, by the people that work for the compact. They said we need it this year except for the people we talked to said they could negotiate now with the state, with U.S. Ecology, that they, yes, indeed, they could negotiate with the state. John Deold said that. All that they needed was a designated person, like the Department of Administrative Services, that could negotiate with the state and have that deal all ready to go, and once they did finally submit an approved license application, then we can sign it. Senator Elmer said you can't build a house without a clear commitment. Folks, they have got a clear commitment from us. It is in existing statute, has been for five years. You submit an approved license application, and we, the Legislature, shall meet, we shall pass, we shall go through the formal steps. The