

that if that site in Boyd County, near Butte, is not licensable for technical or other reasons, then U.S. Ecology is basically stuck with that property, not the State of Nebraska, because the requirements for licensure were not met for that facility and so, thus, we have not taken title to the property, and that is what my amendment to LB 949 covers. If we survive the kill motion, that is what that clarifies, that only if all of the other requirements necessary for approval to license to receive radioactive waste have been met. This is the last process that would take place before a facility would be actually built on either that site, or if it were another site somewhere else, you put this at the last. It is my opinion that we will face this issue this year or next year, and is it any less political or emotional to do it this year as next year? I don't know. I guess my attitude is, if this site is not licensable, then we will know that and the state will not assume the title to the property. Then the siting process begins again, and there are some suggestions among some senators on how that siting should take place. Whether or not Nebraska has fulfilled its obligation to the compact and shown that there is no site or that site is not licensable so they have to go someplace else, more than likely they do have to go back to the compact and say that that site is not licensable. More than likely what will happen is they will look at other sites in Nebraska; some feel maybe they will go to other states. That is probably not very likely but there is a variety, a host of questions that still remain, but this specific bill simply addresses what if the situation would occur that the license approval would come down at a time when the Legislature was not in session and could not approve the transfer of the property? Then we would either have to be called into special session, or we would have to wait till the next session rolls around to, basically, make the approval which is being done here in this bill. That is where the rub, if you will, is in this whole issue is that we are confronted with a timing question here. And some have said, let's slow the timing down. Others would like to see the timing speeded up. I am simply saying from the legality standpoint, we are going to do it, or we are going to have to do it if that facility or that site is licensable, at some point this law is going to have to be implemented, and I am suggesting that...

PPRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...in order to avoid a potential of not being in session, we can enact this bill at this point. And if