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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I will now recognize Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Morrissey. Senator Elmer. Senator Elmer waives off. Senator Morrissey, you are the last one.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Johnson is right. There is a lot of things that have to be done before this facility can be licensed, a lot of things, including federal regs have to be clarified. Our own state regs are now being reviewed for recommendation to possibly changing them. To be, if, indeed, we need to change our state regs on disposal of radioactive waste, that has to go before the Environmental Control Council then. They are being reviewed. I don't know what the review is for, Title 194, but the Environmental Control Council would then pass on those. NRC needs to pass on their regs, rules and regs. So a lot of things need to be done before we need to sign a bill that will take title to this land before we know exactly what the situation in the state and in the nation is, folks. It is pretty simple. And again, LB 837, the people in the lobby now saying that we need this bill are the same people that for two years said we have guaranteed shared state liability. For two years, they said there is no problem. For more than two years, they said it is in there. It is in there. And if you read it, you found out it wasn't in there, and now they are supporting LB 837 and working quite hard to get it passed because it wasn't in there, even though they said for two years it was. Now all of a sudden, we need this. Well, we don't need it, folks. The process is in place. It is a very straightforward process. Once they submit the approved application, we will take title. Again, you know for a fact people can negotiate on taking title to the land. U.S. Ecology has stated, they can negotiate for this and have it all said and done except for signing on the dotted line. They can do it. They can do it easily. And the earliest from the Department of Environmental Control, the earliest that DEC, the Low-level Waste Division, will be ready to grant a license is January or March of '92, when we are in session, when we are in session. Why do we need to sign right now, pass a bill that will guarantee something happening in a year from now or more? Again, that is only if they come back one more time for request for more information, as California