

If everything is right, I am not going to fight transferring the property by any means. I know some of you don't believe that, and I don't know how...I have not found out in three years how I can make you believe it. I read out of the rules and regs and the federal regs and I am not believed, but I seriously think Senator Dierks is doing the right thing. Put the bill in a position where it shall go into effect when it needs to go into effect, when the license application is complete, maybe, and it might not even be complete by then. When everything is reviewed, we are comfortable with the facility, we are comfortable with guaranteed shared liability, then we can move on the bill. I'd urge you to support the bracket motion.

PPRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members, I don't know what more I can say today to convince you to vote for or against the bill. I have been asked a couple of questions by members, whether this bill has any connections with LB 837, and what might happen in some of the other states, and my assessment is that I see no connection between those two issues. The issue of community consent, there might be some concerns there, but in this case, we are simply carrying out what both state and federal law tells us we must do before a facility can be built. This facility cannot be built unless it is licensed, and unless they meet specific technical and reasoned goals that are approved jointly by the Department of Health and the DEC, no license will be issued, thus, no site will be built. If, in fact, everything we are asking the contractor, U.S. Ecology, to do is carried out and is approved by DEC and the Department of Health, and all these technical requirements that we are asking of them, what is the difference if they say it is okay, that they have met all these technical requirements, and the site is...the site has the approval of the DEC and the Department of Health to build a facility there, now what is the objection of doing it, putting this in law today, as it would be for next year. I have not heard any arguments to tell me what will be different next year, what new requirements will be asked upon the DEC or the contractor to do this job that they can't tell us or they won't tell us between now and when the license may or may not be issued for this site? As I see it, it is not a big political fight between the states. It is not a political fight between myself and Senators Dierks and Morrissey. I have no personal stake in this issue. I am simply offering it as