

Environmental Control, Low-level Radioactive Waste Division.

SENATOR ROBAK: Are you bracketing this bill until somewhere in between then, or are you going to set a date for the bracket?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Dierks, January 15 of '92.

SENATOR ROBAK: January 15, you are going to bracket this till January 15 of '92? Thank you. I would support that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I don't like to get into this again because it has been discussed so many times, but I oppose the bracket motion. I believe it is important that the bill move. I believe it is important that it moves and becomes law this year. There has been a lot of rhetoric about it. I expected it. I do not object to it, but I think there comes a time when we have to recognize that we either move along in an orderly manner or we don't. Now we have a bill in the Natural Resources Committee, which is called community consent. There has been a lot of rhetoric about that, and over the years, there have been some complaints that perhaps the committee did not always operate in the most democratic manner. There has been sort of a division in the committee relative to that bill. I made it clear to the committee, I made it clear to Governor Nelson, that if that bill gets four votes to go to the committee, I will be the fifth. And the bill can then be dealt with on this floor, and we can discuss the issue of community consent at great length, and everyone is going to have his say. Maybe the Governor can then have an opportunity to sign or veto the bill. The Governor has indicated that he supports the bill. The bill has not moved and no one has offered to move it recently. In other words, it is hanging in limbo. The word we have is that no one really wants the bill here, but everybody wants to talk about it. Well, I am disappointed if this bill is bracketed. There comes a time when you have to do something, even if it turns out that maybe it wasn't the way you would have preferred to do it, and it is proper that this bill be passed. It is not a bill which is any threat to Boyd County. It is a bill which ought to pass as of now, so that orderly work can continue. If we do not pass this bill, and the state does not take title to the property, there may come a time when there will not be an opportunity for work to proceed as it should. There has been a lot of discussion as to whether it is going to