

this bill. If you don't, you support the bill of Senator Johnson and as amended by the Johnson amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We will now go to Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I just want to assure you, Senator Schmit, that I am not filibustering this bill. I'm not vacillating or equivocating or stalling. I just want that clear from the outset. I just can't impress on you enough the importance that I see in this bill as far as kicking my people in the teeth. It is just...we've tried...we've tried the kill motion. We've tried the bracket. And if you want to call that a filibuster, why go ahead, but it's just simply the fact that the bill is not good legislation. It isn't good legislation yesterday, or tomorrow and it isn't good legislation today. I'm not even sure it would be good legislation on the 15th of January of '92. But there isn't any reason that I can see for us to pass this type of legislation. I would only ask you that you let your conscience be your guide instead of those people behind the glass. I don't understand how you can let those people call the shots for you. It's time for us to stand on our own feet and make our own decisions without the help of the compact or the U.S. Ecology or the power companies. I certainly hope that we don't have enough votes to advance this bill today. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, first, I'm not being told what to do from behind the glass, Senator Dierks, I think you know me better than that. I try to make my own decisions. And I have listened to everything that you have said for the last two days. I've listened to Senator Johnson, Senator Schmit, you, Senator Morrissey. I have different reasons perhaps for voting on anything on this floor than some of the rest of you. But I would...do have one question for Senator Morrissey. I took down what you read from those regulations and there is one...Senator Schmit talked...touched on this, but what it says, during...that they can...it may be privately owned. I'm reading my shorthand so go along with me. It may be privately owned during the preoperational phase if suitable arrangements have been made with the state or federal government to take ownership in fee before the license is issued. Is that what it says? What does that mean,