

that. And they won't and I think that's probably true of Senator Morrissey. I wish it were true of everybody in here. I also think that you were right on the button when you said we're talking about what the people in those counties out there in Nebraska feel. They have such a feeling of overwhelming disaster when they come down here and realize that they have to fight all the money that the lobby can put up to prevent what they want from happening to happen. They are fighting the big money from...actually in the 402 process they are fighting power money from Texas, for crying out loud, and they aren't even part of our compact. The thing that's amazing to me is how the greed of the power...or of the lobby out here has had influence over the people in this legislative body, and it has happened and there is no denying it. You can say, I didn't do it. That's fine, but collectively it's happened. I just think that's abominable when you're talking about the situation that exists out there in those counties and when you're talking about what's going to happen to the people that are involved. I'm talking about the people in Boyd County. I know that situation extremely well. I didn't know many people in Boyd County when I came down here but I know about 140 percent of them today, I don't think there's been a one of them that haven't been in contact with me on both sides of the issue, for that matter. We have tried, ever since I have been here, to provide some sort of equality and equity and fairness in this whole process and we just keep running into that greed out there behind the glass wall. That's exactly what it is. I called it that in committee. I haven't changed my mind. It's still there. It's strictly a greed situation and we're letting greed dictate to us how we treat the citizens of my county. That's what we're doing. And, yes, I am excited. I think that's extremely poor policy. I can't imagine that we can't stand on our own feet and do our own voting without the greed having something to do with it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss the advancement of LB 748? Seeing no one, Senator Rod Johnson, do you wish to close?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, I think we have had extensive amount of debate so it is not necessary for me to provide a lengthy closing. I am disturbed, however, by statements that deal more with personality than with the issue and that is something I find objectionable to me, personally, that those of us who are trying to promote this particular bill