

which recognizes our responsibility under state and federal law are being accused of being greedy and listening to the powers of greed, as has been stated here. That bothers me a little bit because I think we could go right down this list on this green copy and complain that the lobby is dictating how we vote on all these issues. The fact of the matter is what we're asking the body to do here this afternoon is to recognize that once a license is issued for a specific site, that to meet our obligation from both federal and state law that we require that the land transfer from the contractor to the State of Nebraska. The point, I guess, I would make is that if that facility or that site is not licensable, no transfer will take place and thus this particular...these particular site specific title requirements will be null and void and the state will not take...take title to that property. I guess the question I've been asking myself, so I've listened to the arguments, is what will happen next year to us, as a body, that will change the way in which we have to take title anyway. We don't issue the license, DEC and the Department of Health do. They, basically, follow the rules. They have to review the information presented to them. We have nothing to do with that aspect. All we're doing is basically again following what is designated for us to do and that is to authorize the transfer of the land. And I understand, if I was in Senator Dierks' shoes, I guess I would be as concerned as he is that this...this language in this bill deals with a piece of property, a parcel of property in Boyd County that he represents. But he and Senator Morrissey, both, I guess, understand what our obligations are and it comes down to a matter of timing. And I guess my argument in the timing issue is what will we know different next year that we don't know today? If the site is not licensable, if DEC and the Department of Health say it's not licensable, they're not going to license it. Then we start over. And if, in fact, the license does come down and is approved in January or February or March of next year, and we don't like it, we can come in and repeal the bill or we can make changes to the bill. But I'm just saying that this recognizes that if, and that's a big if, the license should be issued in October, late October, as one person has told me, or December, or if it's issued after we're out of session next year, the transfer can take place, the work can continue. Now maybe that's not what some folks want to do. Maybe they want to hold this whole issue hostage. If that's the case, that's fine, but what I'm saying is let's...let's at least move the bill today. I think there are a number of questions that need to be answered but I think we are simply meeting our