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LB 827

LR 27

SENATOR ELMER: ...has also spent millions of dollars on. It is being wasted.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Elmer's closing. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to pull LR 27 out of committee. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to bring the resolution to the floor.

SPEAKER BAACK: The resolution is brought to the floor. We will now proceed to the next item of business, LB 827.

CLERK: Mr. President, 827 was a bill originally introduced by Senators Johnson, Morrissey and Schmit. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee. (See AM0930 on page 1332 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson, the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, this particular bill probably took more time to craft, or at least the committee amendments, clearly than any other issue the Natural Resources Committee dealt with this past session. It is a complicated issue and a complex one and one that will take me some time to explain, but I will try and go through the key points of this bill as quickly as possible. This bill deals primarily with the issue of a local monitoring committee. In this case, it really has the impact on the local monitoring committee in Boyd County. We heard a lot of testimony over the concerns of the federal government forcing the State of Nebraska through the Central Compact, that we are members of, forcing our compact to open up and to take more waste from other states than just the five compact states that belong to our compact. One of the things we decided to try and do was in Section 2 of the bill, and of the committee amendments, and I have passed around a copy of the amendments and an explanation, one of the things we did was we said, okay, our governor, whoever that might be at some point, if the federal government should force us to try and take the waste, we said we will give the right to the Governor to deny