

CLERK: 4 ayes, 15 nays on the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dierks would move to amend. This amendment, Senator, AM1195 on page 1621 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Dierks, on the next amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the amendment, AM1195 is on page 1621, I believe, of the Journal, and this is a bill that restores the original language, an amendment that restores some of the original language to the bill, which eliminated the old monitoring committee and appoints a new committee. Changes regarding appointment authority and length of terms will be the same, but all the existing members are removed, and will either be reappointed or replaced by the appropriate entity. There has been some consideration that possibly the current monitoring committee membership cannot be changed without this piece of legislation, and we think it is essential that that happen. You have to understand, of course, that the monitoring committee in Boyd County has been very ineffective. The fact is they just haven't even met now for, oh, I think going close to a year. They have been in a stalemate since it was founded, since it was formed, and there is necessity that there be new membership on that committee, that it be corrected. The bill, itself, does take that into account. It does make the corrections. It stipulates where the membership comes from, and who appoints them, but it doesn't actually sunset that committee and allow the formation of a new one. So that is all that this amendment does. It is...we have had so many battles over these current appointments that the only way to restore peace, I think, is to start fresh. It doesn't mean that people currently on the committees won't be reappointed, but it just means that there will be a cessation of that committee thirty days after the enactment of the act, and then that same thirty days later, there is a new committee that is appointed. Very simple, just allows us to get on with business with that monitoring committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Discussion on the Dierks amendment. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, when I was opening on the committee amendments, I mentioned to you that I share some