

CLERK: Mr. President, 827 was a bill introduced by Senators Rod Johnson, Morrissey, Schmit. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to Natural Resources. The bill was discussed on April 18. At that time, the committee amendments were adopted. There was an amendment to the bill...to the committee amendments by Senator Johnson that was adopted. There were amendments to the committee amendments by Senator Dierks that were adopted, as well as Senator Johnson. I have pending to the bill, Mr. President, Senator Morrissey's amendment. Senator, I have AM1334 in front of me.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, I found my copy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. Folks, I think I need a little help here and I'm going to ask you all to listen closely and pay attention to what's been going on, what's been going on for three years and what's been going on for three days. This amendment is a fairly simple amendment and it's just one of many examples of how this process has proceeded. I explained when we first started discussing this amendment last week or whenever it was that this amendment would require...have the department require the developer to take into consideration social culture characteristics, including social structure, significant institutions of major communities within the region of each alternate site, identification and evaluation of significant community problems and results of any attitudinal surveys of local attitudes, lifestyle indicators, cultural values and community cohesion. Well, the developer of the facility, US Ecology, did something like this. As I explained last time, instead of studying the impact of the facility on the community, they studied the impact of the community upon the facility. They turned it around. They did it completely backwards. There were supposed to study the impact of the facility on the community. They didn't do that. They studied how the community would affect the facility and they said basically that the community won't have any impact on the facility, which is always nice to know. But the intent was, of course, to study how this would affect the people in the area, the people that are focus of the burden of this whole process. We have people beneficiaries of this process spread over five states. The people that bear the burden are concentrated in one small area. The beneficiaries range from multimillion dollar power companies that have a list of financial stakeholders in their corporation that would make a list of Who's Who in this country. Probably