

about the operation of the site, that would make it a better site. It looks like a purely social kind of a thing to find out about a community. I don't see that it has a thing to do with building a site. I would join Senator Johnson in opposing this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'm going to, of course, support the amendment by Senator Morrissey. I think that Senator Johnson is partly right, you know, we do have an obligation to pursue accountable legislation. I don't argue that at all. This amendment, of course, is one that I tried on LB 761 and it failed, of course, because the orders that day from behind the glass were to accept no amendments. Now that's exactly the way that it was and I think that nobody would argue with that. The shots were all being called from out there and it's trying to happen again today. It's this mentality that got us in the same position that we're in right now with the Ray Peery story. And I'm sorry, Senator Johnson, I feel contrary to what you have said, the Ray Peery story is not over and it's done with. The story is only beginning. We haven't even touched to what is going to appear from the investigation of this story. And it is a travesty because what you've done is you've just, in one fell swoop, cast aspersions on the entire process of government and the way that allocated funds are spent for these type projects. It's just destroyed the credibility of all of these projects. And it's not over with and we have to consider that when we talk about this issue. It's just...it's just amazing to me that this wasn't discovered before and I have to concur, of course, with Senator Morrissey that somebody was certainly asleep at the switch, a whole lot of somebodies, because you can't lay the blame on one person. I can't imagine any industry putting two or three or four million dollars into a project without asking for accountability. That just isn't feasible. Nobody that I know of can do business that way. I think that heads should roll. I can't believe that this sort of accountability took place, this sort of lack of accountability. Nothing happened. These people were getting away with...this person was getting away with terrible things and what it's done is just cast a big, bad cloud over the entire process. There's no other way you can put it. I think that the amendment that Senator Morrissey has, of course, today is one that we very sorely need. It's been tried at some of the monitoring committee's...it hasn't...it hasn't passed. Of course, the