

to delay. I want to do what we are obligated to do and what we are obligated to do is not rush through this process to the benefit of US Ecology, to the benefit of all the power companies, mainly the out-of-state power companies, so they can transfer the liability of this waste to the citizens of Nebraska. That is not our obligation, never has been. The obligation, as it states on the front page of the compact, is to protect the health and welfare of the citizens. That is first and foremost. That is our obligation. We do not...we are not obligated to rush blindly into a situation that will help US Ecology, that will help the Compact Commission commissioners and that will help the out-of-state and in-state power industries. These people make a ton of money, folks, these power companies, and they want us to take their waste for them and they have convinced us, convinced most of us here that it's our obligation, we owe it to them for providing this power. Thank you. Thank you, power companies, for providing this power. We could not get along without it but you made a lot of money on that power and bought some nice homes with that power, the money you've made on that power. And these large consortium of power districts in the south are just hoping and praying that we continue right on and just look at this one incident as a slight aberration in the process and we keep on going because I'm going to tell you what, folks, all our obligation to do under LB 827 is to provide a decent monitoring committee, to get it up and running to protect the citizens because they are the only people that have been asking the questions. They are the ones that deserve the protection and get some funding for that monitoring committee. That is the only thing we need to do in this bill, clarify for the judge what final site selection is, get the monitoring committee up and running, provide them funding. The other things in this bill do not benefit a single person in this state unless you happen to be working for a power company, or US Ecology, or the commission. If you're working for them, then that's good because you're doing what you've got to do. You're helping them get a little further under...out from underneath their obli...their obligations. This bill is full of things that if I didn't know any better, I would say is the agenda of everyone else except the people that we should be concerned about, the agenda of US Ecology, the agenda of the power companies and the agenda of the commission.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: What I'm asking you to do here is not delay