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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Senator Morrissey, the gentleman from around Nemaha County. I think this piece of legislation has two main purposes. One of those is to provide for committee structure and committee function, and the other is to provide the funding for the committee. Senator Johnson, can I ask you a couple of brief questions?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson, would you respond, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Would you accept language, in the form of an amendment, that would eliminate the fast track we've provided for US Ecology to the Supreme Court in this legislation?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: You're talking about the direct appeal to the Supreme Court?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No.

SENATOR DIERKS: Would you be willing to eliminate the language that further limits the activity for which a monitoring committee can hire an attorney?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I may not have a problem with that, Senator.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. What about...would you eli...would you support eliminating the laundry list of reimbursable expenses that are placed in this bill?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No.

SENATOR DIERKS: See, I think that we have a simple function to perform in this piece of legislation, and we have added some excess garbage that, excuse me, excess language that doesn't really apply. (Laughter.) So, my feelings on it are that if we could apply the amendments that I've asked Senator Johnson, then we can go ahead and push this bill on through this afternoon and