

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This is the amendment that I have passed out quite a few times, that we have started to discuss and never got to a vote on, and I would like to quickly tell you what I have got in mind today. I have pending five amendments on 827 for General File, and I split the amendments up, so I have four more that I figured on bringing in Select, so we wouldn't have to spend all the time on General. These are substantial amendments to change things that I see in LB 827 that are unneeded, and would even go so far as to say they are bad for the state. So what I have today, I want to run this first amendment, the sociocultural studies, and then I have a substitute amendment up there that I would ask consent, when it rolls around, to substitute for my second amendment. And at that time, I would like to take up that amendment, which does strictly what Senator Dierks and I feel is needed for the monitoring committees. It will fund them. It will reorganize them, and it will define language for Judge Chevront on final site selection, three things that are needed. So if, indeed, I get this amendment adopted and the second amendment adopted, then we are done with LB 827. If I can't get those things done, folks, there are things in this bill that I will explain later that I think, as I said, are not only unneeded baggage but are also very bad for the citizens of the state and good for US Ecology and others, other interested parties. As I explained, the US Ecology is called to do by law a socioeconomic, sociocultural study. Sociocultural studies would study the impact of the facility on the attitudes and the environment and everything of the folks in the surrounding area, and also the economic impact. Unfortunately, US Ecology did a report, a study that studied how the people would affect the facility, which is completely backwards. They had a reputable, a nationally recognized sociologist lined up to do the study, and he was then dismissed when they found out the questions he wanted to ask. US Ecology is quoted in the paper, on April 27 of '90 of saying that...or Mr. Krannich, the sociologist, said that US Ecology told him there was concern about the analysis generating more controversy in Boyd County, US Ecology's preferred site for the facility. Well, folks, that is what these analysis are for. They are for to detail the facts in how this facility will affect these people. It reminds me, as I mentioned previously, of Russian sociologists that tell their sociologists these are the results we want, folks, now you line up a study that will give us these results. That is not what the intent or the meaning was. As I said, federal and state law requires US Ecology to prepare a socioeconomic analysis as part