

don't need the Nemaha County Monitoring Committee working to build lawsuits against US Ecology, and I don't need that monitoring committee in Nuckolls County bothering us when we are trying to site this facility. Rich Patton said that to me. Rich Patton told Dennis Grams, evidently, what to do, and Dennis Grams did it. Now this happened. I can tell you the date. If I go back and look up the transcripts of the hearing, I can tell you the date and the time it happened. We made a procedural motion and some action for US Ecology again, again. Rich Patton didn't want to bother with the only monitoring committee that works properly and was working great, the Nemaha Monitoring Committee, and they were not building a lawsuit for anyone. They were doing their job protecting their citizens, but he didn't want it, so the DEC pulled the funding. The DEC acted in direct interest for US Ecology. Folks, we don't need that. We don't need that. They couldn't give money now, they said, to the monitoring committees because no final site has been selected and it is tied up in court. Yet they have given 160,000, \$140,000, excuse me, to the community of Butte that is earmarked for Community Improvement Cash Funds for the final site community. In one case, there is no final site and we can't fund a committee, the people that are looking out for the citizens, and the other, we can and we will fund those people that are for the facility, the people in Butte. We can give them money. There is a final site in that case. Folks, we need to stop this. We need to stop doing it. How much time do I have left, Mr. Speaker?

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Two minutes.

**SENATOR MORRISSEY:** Two minutes. There are other issues in LB 827 that must be addressed. They must be removed. I am asking you now to adopt this amendment that will do, again, I will review for you, it will get the monitoring committees funded. It will get them reorganized and running as Senator Dierks desires, and it will clarify for the judge what final site selection is so we can move on with this process. That is all I am asking. We do that, and then we can move this bill to Select File, folks. That is all I want, and I think that will make Senator Dierks comfortable. I'd ask you to support this amendment. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Morrissey. We will now go to...before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. They are guests of Senator