

SENATOR MOORE: Well, there was a particular situation that arose in the Department of Economic Development, excuse me, Environmental Control, an issue of some wastewater treatment grants where there was a...basically, what had occurred is it is a federal matching fund program that had not been requested for a number of years and, basically, we thought the state commitment was ending, and all of a sudden late in the year, I guess, the way I understand, at least, the department, basically, there was more federal funds available, so they just committed the funds to local entities. Now, all of a sudden, they came in in mid-February of this year, after initially not requesting \$600,000, and then February 15th was the first budget had heard about it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, I will finish then on somebody else's time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson, you are next.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, again, I rise reluctantly to oppose these amendments because they do gut certain segments of the bill that I would like to see in the bill. Specifically, the bill cut down the amount of the monitoring committee solely to Boyd County, since that is right now the site which has been loca...or is being studied for a license. It seemed to me relevant that we have the money, all the money that we can put into that going toward Boyd County. It did not seem relevant to me to continue to spend money in Nuckolls and Nemaha County, as the bill says, if we can't go back to those sites. That doesn't mean that US Ecology, if the site in Boyd County fails, that they can't, one, go back to a different site in Boyd County, or, two, that they couldn't go back to different sites in Nuckolls or Nemaha, as well as go back to other sites in Nebraska, as well as go back to the compact and say we can't find a site in Nebraska, you are going to have to site it someplace else. The rationale is that probably is not going to happen, that the compact, unfortunately, is not going to say, well, I guess we will just...there is no site in Nebraska that we can find that is geologically safe or whatever, so we need to go to another state, probably not going to happen, at least not in our lifetime, probably, or in the next couple of years. And so what