

if I seem to be getting a little irate, I am. I have failed for two or three hours here to get you to stand up for the citizens of this state, and I'm simply asking you to look at that amendment that you've had access to for five or six days minimum. If you had any questions, you could have come to me. It's pretty clear, site characterization and selection. What is that? That is a lot of the process, folks, and we just want to put them back in there. We want to put them back in there. LB 827 does not have it in there. If you want to say you're voting for the monitoring committees, say you're voting for the people, that's why you're supporting 827 but yet you don't want them to do what they need to do. Don't even pretend anymore, don't even pretend. Could someone, maybe before you vote against the amendment, you would ask me a question, please. I'd enjoy that. Anyone that has a question, other than Senator Johnson, and I'll answer any of Senator Johnson's questions. Anybody that wonders what this does and plans on voting against it, please ask me a question now so I can answer it, so I can ease your concern. Okay? I'd ask you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Morrissey, I did have a question because in my notes I've got written down here that this site characterization and selection process has already been completed. Is that true?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: That's true, but as you said, we may move on to another community. We should allow it.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, my concern has been, the reason I opposed the amendment is that we are trying to narrow it down to...the whole purpose behind the bill has been to try and narrow the focus down to the Boyd County site and since this process has been completed, it seems unnecessary to demand that of a potentially new monitoring committee that may or may not come into existence. As I said earlier as well, it seems to me that at the time in which the Boyd County site would fail if the application was not allowed, it seemed like, to me at least, that the Natural Resources Committee may very well start the discussion of how we make the siting process work better than it has. I'm not opposed to giving tools to the Boyd County site, but if this work has already been completed in Boyd County and we're waiting to see what the application or the license is