

CLERK: Madam President, I have nothing further on the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We will go to debate then on the bill itself. Is there anyone who wishes to debate LB 827 at this time? Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Folks, Senator Dierks is concerned about 827, but right now I could really care less because the process is almost over up there. If you fund the committee now and get them up and running, what can they do, what they can do, what can they review? If you adopt 827, you've restricted what they can review if there was anything left for them to do. There is a court action pending that may get them funded. I don't know. I've got one, two, three, four, five, six more amendments here that we've yet to discuss and I'm trying to decide what to do here. I could try and wear you all out and hope the bill didn't get acted on and it would get passed over. I could do that and I really haven't decided what to do yet. I'd be interested to hear what Senator Dierks' concerns are on whether the bill passes or not. I want to remind you what you've done today. I want to remind you what you've done today. You've restricted the committee's ability, the citizens' ability to monitor this process. The citizens are the only ones who have asked the questions. You all know that. It has been proven time and time again, especially last week. The people who had access to the books didn't ask the questions, did they? They allowed alleged mismanagement to happen. US Ecology said in the papers, yeah, they owed us \$300,000 and we knew Ray Peery lived in a high lifestyle, but we were told his wife had money. Now maybe that is what happened, but if I was owed \$300,000, I would ask the question, wouldn't you? Wouldn't you ask? Gosh, Ray, you know, go dogs, buddy, but where you'd get the Mercedes, where you'd get the Jag, where you'd get the \$300,000 house? Where did you get all that stuff and why do keep going on all these trips? You know, if you have the access and you don't ask the questions, who do you trust? US Ecology had that access. They knew what was going on. The generators had the access. They get together monthly or at least quarterly and talk. Don't they talk to each other? Didn't US Ecology say, gosh, they owe us \$300,000? Didn't the generators say, geez, we put in 25 million? Didn't the US Ecologies then say, well, how come we aren't getting it? Didn't they then say, well, talk to Ray Peery? No, they sit down together, all these people including our Department of