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the process up completely so we avoid people coming in at the end of the process and complaining they weren't informed and they didn't have a chance to ask questions. I'd urge your support of the committee amendments and your support of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Anyone wishing to...Mr. Clerk, amendments to the committee amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments. (Beutler amendment AM1578 appears on page 1927 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, since the public hearing on this bill we have moved to accommodate all objections that we heard at the public hearing and any and all objections that we've heard since the public hearing because I consider it critical to get a process in place even though it may not be the process that I would think to be the perfect one. During the public hearing we had some objections from the League of Municipalities. All those objections were negotiated and agreed upon by the League of Municipalities and were included in the Standing Committee amendments so they no longer have any objections to the bill. Subsequent to the hearing, we had further discussions with the utility companies, NPPD and LES, with regard to some facilities that are located on property they actually own right now and whether those properties should be included or shouldn't be included and we basically just made the decision that we would not include those properties to the extent that they were owned January 1, 1999, already by the utilities. So what this amendment does to the Standing Committee amendments is satisfies the utility company objections and excludes from the process facilities such as ash pits that are located on utility property and right next to existing facilities. Would ask your adoption of the amendment to the Standing Committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any discussion on the amendment to the amendments? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, would you like to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No closing, Mr. Speaker, thank you.