

that that couldn't be and we also have some facts and the literature which says that the community that we're trying to designate as being the, for community consent, has been already defined as the county by a citizen advisory group of US Ecology. So US Ecology's own group has said we should define community as the county and for community consent then we feel like we do need to confine it to the county. So I do support the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to the committee amendments? Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments. (Beutler amendment appears on page 2001 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments become the bill and, basically, the bill has to do, as you all are well aware by this point in time, with the concept of allowing a community vote as to the location of the facility in a particular local community. What my amendment to the committee amendments would say is that this special election that we're talking about will not be required for any proposed site that is identified after the effective date of this act. Now Senator Dierks is concerned about Boyd County. As I understand it, he believes that the people in Boyd County should have the right to a vote because certain government officials led them to believe very specifically that consent would be a vote of the people, and that may or may not be true. You all have to make a judgment as to that, but what I'm saying is that whatever the case may be with Boyd County, in the event that this bill should pass, and in the event that there should be a vote, and in the event that the vote, the people should decline the facility, then I suppose logically the next thing that happens is that we have a new proposed site. And if we have a new proposed site and without my amendment, then you could go through this same process again where there is a vote of the people, where the people reject it and where we move on to a third site. And I suggest to you that it is quite reasonable to expect that each and every local community will reject it. Unless you pave their streets with gold, they are going to reject it. And so I would argue that this process is