

intellectually dishonest unless you put my amendment on because what we're saying on the one hand is that we want nuclear power, we know we have to deal with the waste. The people of the state have voted to work with the compact in the disposal of those wastes, but then we're attaching a community consent provision which will have the effect, a practical effect of wiping out all that has come before, or could have that effect. And so what I'm saying to you is that if you're going to keep a coherent policy here, at the very least you need to attach an amendment which would make a distinction between the people of Boyd County and what may have been represented to them and what we are going to represent to local communities in the future, and what we need to say in the future is that the people of the state as a whole have voted for this compact, for this method of dealing with wastes, and we intend to follow through with that and we intend to not in place mechanisms that allow that policy to be carried through. And that's the whole point to the amendment to try to bring some order out of chaos here at least at a future point in time, if not in the immediate future.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to the Beutler amendment. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I stand to oppose the Beutler amendment. The promise that was made, and we can prove it today, was not to Boyd County, it was to the communities involved in this process. The Governor promised it, the compact commission voted on it, voted for it, approved it. US Ecology and their subcontractor Bechtel have talked about it, sent documents to the Department of Energy related to community consent. We can prove it right here. Now those in the lobby or those that have talked to you in your offices, ask them, did the compact commissioners vote on this, yes or no? The answer is yes. They can tell you no different. Ask them, did the Governor promise this, yes or no? The answer is yes. We have it in the paper. We've got a thousand newspaper articles, we've got one quote after the other. Senator Dierks may have had a handout. It was promised, folks. Whether that was a wise decision or not is not what we're debating here. The question is, was it promised? Yes. Who was it promised to? The communities involved in this process, not just Boyd County. It was promised; we can prove it and it has not been defined and intentionally so. The compact commissioner lobbyist or lawyer, Alan Peterson, in committee hearing this year discussed that