

community consent. It has been proven. It can work. All you have to do is work honestly with these citizens and make them comfortable with the process and give them some money and they'll vote for it. You'll find somebody that will vote for it. A lot of senators have come up to me and said, I wish I could have that in my district. For those of you that have told me that, this is your opportunity. This is your opportunity because if we allow them what was promised...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...and they vote it down, Senator Hefner and Senator Peterson's districts will have the ability to become the host state or the host county. I would hope that the compact would go back and honestly review their siting process, and Nebraska wouldn't even be, would probably only be the number three state in the process instead of the top of the list. But some of you that have said you think it's good, good for business and good business, this is your opportunity. But it was promised to us, but not just to Boyd County, to all counties. I'd urge you to defeat Senator Beutler's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment. I will explain my rationale on community consent when we get to the bill itself, but it appears to me that if you are going to grant or deny community consent in one county, I don't see how you can deny or give that same right to a citizen in another county in which the siting process may eventually put that, the developer may develop a site in another county if the Boyd County site should fail. It is just not rational for me to support an amendment of this extent, and as I said, I'll make my comments on the issue itself of community consent and the vote later, but I would prefer, at this particular point, to reject this amendment, adopt the committee amendments and then move on with the discussion of the bill itself and the merits or the demerits, as I see it, in some of the proposed language of this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Yes, go ahead.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I promised Senator Kristensen some