

we're a different branch of government, we didn't put our names on the piece of paper, is really standing on a distinction without a difference. If I was in Boyd County, it wouldn't make a difference that this promise was made by Governor Orr and she is no longer Governor. The State of Nebraska made this promise as far as the citizens of Boyd County are concerned, whether or not it was the Legislature or whether we defeated the amendment or not. Part of my problem is, how am I going to proceed faced with this dilemma. And critical, from my estimation, is that if we give community consent in the Boyd County situation, are we going to endorse the concept of community consent hereafter? And this Legislature has specifically said no to that. And that, I think, is the wiser course. We should redesign the process without the community consent piece. We cannot, however, revoke it right now with respect to Boyd County. The promise has been made and they are at risk. To me, the way to proceed is severalfold. First, promises having been made should be kept, community consent should go forward in this case in Boyd County, a special election should occur. Secondly, the only way you're going to get community consent and to work with the rest of the lists, I suppose, is to have a county vote in every county at the same time and work with the counties who vote yes because each county faced by itself will ultimately vote no and we will be on an endless journey to find a location and the result will be to defeat a dumpsite in Nebraska and that's unacceptable to me. We need to have a dumpsite because we use nuclear energy and we create waste and we need to find a place for it. If you can't do a vote in every county at the same time and work with the list who say yes, and that's not going to happen, I doubt, what we should do is admit to the fact that community consent is not an appropriate approach and redesign our process so that, number one, it's front-loaded well with information, and, number two, it is filled with appropriate forms of compensation for that unfortunate community who has to live with the result of this difficult, painful decision. Under those contexts, I think we can go forward and we should go forward with community consent in this situation. But I am not here, in LB 72, to validate and ratify for each and every future decision the concept of community consent because it isn't going to work. Unfortunately, we are left with two choices, either give the...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...community consent from now and hereafter to