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LB 72

everyone which is what Senator Dierks basically suggests in LB 72, or defeat 72 and revoke community consent for everyone and that isn't the situation everyone is in. Boyd County is in a different position than everybody else and the promise has been made to them and should be kept by us even though we didn't make the promise and when asked to make the promise we said, no. The State of Nebraska made it and we should honor it with respect to them. But this body, realizing what's there, and realizing the necessity of coming up with a dumpsite should do one of two things, either revoke community consent for future people at risk and work on the idea of compensation, or have every county in this state vote at the same time and work with the list of those who will say yes. Otherwise...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...we will be at the year 2010 looking for the 42nd county to say no to LB 72 and those are rotten choices. Senator Beutler offers us a way out of this thicket if we will acknowledge it. I doubt if we will.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: We're likely to make the same process errors but this is a good amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, Senator Landis, would you answer a question, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis, would you respond?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Did we not promise this also to Nuckolls and Nemaha people? Weren't they in the same position and wasn't it thus promised to them also?

SENATOR LANDIS: I think this promise was made to the site that is identified and this is the Boyd County site at this point. In the event Boyd County is allowed to vote, and we're sent back to the drafting boards, as we will, every other county will be at risk and they can be treated in the same situation. So my answer is, no, we did not make this promise to Nuckolls County in the sense that we made the promise to any county that if they were chosen, Governor Orr did, that they would have a vote.