

siting process again. We're talking about asking Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma and all the good old boys down there who have the votes to let Nebraska off the hook. That's not going to happen. That's not going to happen. That's been decided and they're not about to reopen that and there's no way we can force them to reopen it. Let's talk about the real world, what really can happen, what really might happen. A Governor promises that the form of community consent will be a special election. A Governor promises that. Maybe she did, maybe she didn't. The better evidence is she probably did. But what is the logic of that if the current Governor goes out and promises that we will appropriate \$3 million for this cause or that cause and that we'll help out this particular community and that particular community and this cause and that cause? Does that mean that this Legislature is obligated to follow through? Obviously not. Obviously not. The Governor can't promise things like that. The Governor can promise what they will try to do, what they will try to promote. But the policy of the state isn't set by the Governor. The policy of the state is set by the Legislature and we have never said that community consent means a special election. In fact, we have said that it does not mean that because we withdrew that provision from a bill that was presented to us. I wasn't sure that the amendment as proposed was clarified to you, too, and I did want to do that before I stopped speaking again. The language of the amendment is simply this. The special election shall not be required for any proposed site identified after the effective date of this act. Now up in Boyd County that proposed site has been identified so the special election provision would apply to Boyd County. But in the event that it should be rejected in Boyd County, the special election provision, as a form of community consent, would not be applicable to any other site in the future and I hope that that distinction is understood by everybody. I believe I will stop with that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yours is the last light on so we could...

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, let me go ahead and speak a little bit then.

SPEAKER BAACK: Go ahead.