

a special election was designated as the form of community consent. In any event, the amendment is designed, hopefully, whether you vote for it one way or another, to think...to put a lot of careful thought into where this process takes us and what is fair to the state as a whole. We use nuclear power. We've made those decisions. People throughout the state use this nuclear power. When you have nuclear power you have nuclear wastes. We all know that. And the only responsible action is to deal with those wastes in a responsible way. The federal government groped, the states groped with what was the most responsible way for dealing with these wastes and they decided to form together into groups so that there were not so many waste sites and, hopefully, put a lot of money into well designed waste sites and by that means protect as best we can the population of this country from a potential problem. Now there are other ways of doing it. We can have 48 waste sites. We can break apart these compacts. But you don't get away from the waste so much, you get away from nuclear power. Let's be honest about it. And so I think it behooves us if you accept those assumptions, unless you're just fighting nuclear power, period, if you accept the assumptions that we need a reasonable way to deal with the waste, then I think you must accept the assumption that there must be a reasonable process involved. And I think the evidence of opposition at each and every turn, whenever a site has been suggested to a local community, suggests that a local vote, a special election, is not a means of getting the job done. It's a means to endless debate, moving from one community to another until this century is exhausted, till we're exhausted, so that the problem will remain unresolved, the federal government will be on our case, there will be lawsuits involving breach of good faith provisions in the contract. We're getting ourselves deeper. This is...to pass this bill in this form is...is the downward path to wisdom. We will find out soon enough and become wiser if we follow this course. But unless you adopt some amendment that puts a stop to this process at least after Boyd County, if not before Boyd County, then you have a process that simply won't work and I think we all understand that and we need to do something about it. We need to make a reasonable decision. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Beutler's closing on his amendment. We will now proceed to vote on that amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.