

public use project. You talk about a road or a power line going across my farm or a minimum security facility, I believe that's a little different than the site that we're talking about today. I have always felt from the beginning, and I didn't follow it this close, but they were supposed to have a chance to vote on it. I think that has been strengthened by the Attorney General's Opinion. It seems like it's no more than fair that everyone should keep their word. Senator Morrissey has explained several times what the people felt like was the procedure that they were supposed to go through. So I wholeheartedly would support LB 72. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rogers. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support on General File the bill in this form. I am persuaded by Senator Morrissey's line of argument and Senator Dierks' line of argument that a promise was made by state government, if not by the Legislature, and that has worked its way into the fabric of this public policy question and we can't ignore that. Unfortunately, we are locked right now in a winner-take-all kind of mentality on this whole problem. The opponents of the bill want there not to be a vote in Boyd County or any other county. The proponents of this measure want a vote in Boyd County and every other county that this ever faces. And the difficulty is that the vote may be the most difficult part of the whole process. If we string out, county by county, our examination of each and every potential dumpsite, we will have a system that will not produce a dumpsite location in Nebraska. To the proponents of LB 72, my question is, how do I get what I think is the public policy requirement for this state, and that is that we have a place to put the nuclear waste that we are creating every day in the use of nuclear energy to light our lights, warm our homes, work by at our employment and the like. Unfortunately, when I look at 72 I see a roadblock to finding a dumpsite. The reverse, however, is to kill 72 and not to keep the promise that we have made Boyd County. I'm going to support it on General File. Unfortunately, this winner-take-all mechanism which is going to build in a county vote hereafter, not only endorsing a not particularly bright promise that we made in the past but then carrying that promise out in all future circumstances, leaves me with the belief that it will be almost impossible to find a location for us to meet our legal obligations and that is to find a dumpsite. It, I also think, is our moral obligation to find a dumpsite for the waste we are