

producing, the benefits we are now enjoying. I would feel differently if we didn't use nuclear energy in this state, but we do and we need to be responsible for that waste. LB 72 should move off General File. I don't expect it but I hope that at some point a discussion takes this shape: How do we meet our promise to Boyd County? How do we go forward with learning that lesson with then finding a location elsewhere or after that vote that will balance geological interests, state interests and local interests? And that balancing, I think, is done through compensation and information and input, but I don't think it's done by voting in each and every location till we find someplace that will simply accept. There is a way, I think, to harmonize local interests without that and that discussion hasn't taken place. Lines are drawn and we are swept up in a winner-take-all grudge match on this floor, unable to separate the legitimate parts of the claims in LB 72 from the parts that ultimately lead us down the path of not being able to complete our obligations under the compact.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: And defeating 72 and going back on the public promises that this state has made to its citizens, both of those are untenable. Let's move 72 to Select File. Discussion should begin.

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

SENATOR CHIZEK: Would Senator Johnson yield to a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Senator, explain, if you could for me, what would happen if every community, as we went from vote to vote, turned this down?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Senator, obviously, a facility would not be built in Nebraska.

SENATOR CHIZEK: What are the possibilities then, Rod, of, because we have a signed contract, of being sued?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well,...