

wisely striking, that the state take title to the land, that's actually a penalty under the federal law. And in that same article you handed out, I expressed my dismay and discussed last year that I said basically if we what we're told, we take title to all of the waste, the way our laws were written. If we do what we're told by the law, our law, our own law, we take title to everybody's waste. And if we don't do that, the penalty was, for not being good little boys and girls here, was to take title simply to our own waste. In other words, if we did what was...did the right thing, your reward was taking title to the waste of all these power companies. If you did the wrong thing and were bad people, your punishment was take the title to your own state's waste is with...ultimately, is all we should be doing in hindsight. That's all we should ever have felt we should have needed to do. Unfortunately, we got into this and now it's kind of like getting off of flypaper, it's not easy. So I would urge you to support Senator Elmer's amendment, urge you to realize that it probably wasn't easy for US Ecology to say that what we have been saying for three or four years is now completely wrong, that all we knew...all we know is wrong, I guess not necessarily all they know but everything they have been saying on this issue has been wrong for three years. And I applaud Senator Elmer for making the amendment and I would urge you to adopt it and continue to study this issue because there are definitely many other questions, such as...that have also been discussed for many years, such as US Ecology's contract. How can they spend \$31 million and not have turned a shovel full of dirt? And how can they possibly come in and be asked for another million dollars per month, how they can possibly ask for another million dollars per month to do what? To answer the questions that they should have answered in the first place. So it took 31, \$43 million before we turn a shovel full of dirt. There are other questions that need to be addressed, a lot of them involving a chunk of money. I don't have it in my head right now what original predictions were or what this cost...cost this facility would be and what it would cost if we didn't join a compact and if we did. But if you're interested, I will dig them out and let you see. We've got other utilities looking at storing waste on site within our compact. I don't know if they're doing it because of the exorbitant predicted cost per cubic foot, 250 to 300 bucks per cubic foot, 400 bucks, whatever it is now. I don't know if they're looking to store on site because of that and it is allowed within our contract language, or if they're looking at possibly that our facility won't go on line when it should and they can indeed store