

about 13 people that supported me in that effort and I think if we want to talk costs, let's look at both sides objectively so we can make our decision. It's a very valid point Senator Johnson brings up on the cost of withdrawal and when and if the question of withdrawal is ever in front of this body, I think they should come out along with the costs of staying in. And, with that, I would support the E clause and hope they all would live up to the commitments the state and the compact commissioners...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...have made to the citizens. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, I really have no problems with the E clause either but I don't think it is necessary. I think that providing this bill is passed through this body, at that time the election process can go forward. I don't think we have to have an E clause to have that happen. Led to slaughter, Scotty, my gosh, that's pretty...led to slaughter. There's nothing in anything we've done with LB 72 that removes Nebraska from the compact. There is nothing we do with the passage of LB 72 that would lead Nebraska to leave the compact. All LB 72 says is we will provide the citizens of Boyd County the opportunity to vote on whether they want this in their community. Community consent, we call that. Something that was promised, something that was said was necessary before we would accept the waste site in this state or in this county. All we're doing is fulfilling an agreement that was made with the Governor and the compact at the time we accepted the issue in Nebraska. LB 72 is very simple. It's not a very long bill. It just allows for the election process to go forward and allows people to express their opinion on whether they want this thing in their county or not. Like I say, I don't have any problem with the emergency clause, but I think it's totally unnecessary. I don't think it solves anything or does anything for this piece of legislation. And I urge your support of LB 72. I think it's the right thing to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler, followed by Senators Moore, Johnson and Ashford. Senator Beutler.