

giving the commissioners what they want, a definition of community consent, what was promised to the citizens. Again, we're talking, the state making promises and then taking those promises away. But we're going a step beyond that. The people in charge of this issue, the compact commissioners, one representative from each state in the Commission, voted yes, each and every one voted yes on community consent. Their representative then asked or stated, in Natural Resource Committee hearing this year, we were looking for a definition of community consent. Our Attorney General said that definition has not been found yet; we are defining it right here, folks. We're doing what they're asking for. We have no liability in this issue. If you want to stay in the compact, which we are even if we vote against siting in Boyd County, that's the problem, that's the money that should really concern you. Thirty-one million dollars spent so far, not a spade of dirt turned, 10 million more requested, a million a month before we even get it possibly to start building. What's going on? Where is that money going? Why doesn't that concern you? A billion dollar contract for US Ecology, does that concern you? It concerns me. The money question has been here since we've been in the compact, and it's been a real question, but it doesn't wash on this issue. The people in charge promised it, from the Governor to the compact commissioners, and they just want a definition; we're giving them a definition. The county line is the obvious line, as we discussed on General File, county is used from day one in this compact siting process, through the Community Advisory Councils all the way up through Natural Resources Committee hearings that we just had this winter. County is all the way through it. The money is distributed to the county. The Boyd...the Butte people wrote the county commissioners of Boyd County...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...requesting funds. County is the entity. The Citizens Advisory Committee, way back, four, five, six years ago, whenever that was, defined community as county. We didn't define it, everyone else defined it. We didn't define it in a way that would guarantee defeat. It has been defined. If you look and read all the literature, and I've got a pile about four foot high in my office, if you want to read it, county is mentioned all the way through it. So we are not defining in a way that will guarantee defeat, we're defining in the understood definition of community. It's been promised by everyone