

involved. The liability is not with the state, the compact commissioners must then go back to Article V of the compact and site, simple as that. I agreed with Senator Landis's amendment, to let every county vote, that would have been fine with me. And I told you in 1989 that my county would...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...vote yes. We should have probably done it then, and I've never been so glad to lose one in my life. But I'm still supporting it right now, and I ask you to. Thank you.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, only very briefly. I had hoped that we could do away with all this...these amendments, because I think that it's time for us to vote on the issue, and it's...as far as I'm concerned we stated it very simply. And the issue is just one that requires a vote, up or down. I don't think that we're going to solve much by badgering the bill, or doing some other amendments for it. The problem, of course, is that there's a question out there as to what happens when we drop out of the compact, and we don't drop out of the compact with this legislation. This legislation is simply one of providing community consent, it's just very simple. It doesn't say that if we...if we vote on the issue and the issue is voted down that we pull out of the Compact, that's not part of the bill. As far as I'm concerned, I'm not even sure there is a financial impact statement out there. I think that they maybe started on them, but I don't think it's ready to be issued or published; I don't think there's one available, really. I don't believe it's even the issue. The issue is are the people going to be allowed to have this community consent, the thing that was promised to them from the very beginning, the thing that we've asked about and talked about for three or four years now. It's become almost a morale issue. We do provide them with what was promised them with LB 72, and I urge your support of that legislation. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.