

ASSISTANT CLERK: In that case, the next amendment that I have is offered by Senator Conway. That is found in the Journal on page 1448. (See AM3570.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. The amendment that I offer, AM3570, as the Clerk mentioned, is in the Journal, is my attempt to address the concept of community consent. One of the concerns I have and the concern goes back to LB 882 that I introduced in 1988 where we were talking about what constitutes community consent, and if we are really serious about community consent, the whole concept behind what I think Senator Dierks is trying to address here is the extent to which the vote would be allowed by people who are affected or could potentially be affected economically, psychologically, environmentally, whatever perspective one may have with respect to a siting of a nuclear waste site in their proximity. If we allow, as Senator Dierks has tried to put forward here, a community vote with the community being identified as the county, what we are doing, in essence, in many cases may be not giving the community that is most seriously affected the opportunity to state their views, and the whole concept in LB 72 is purported to allow those affected to state their views. An example in point may be that if we looked at a county, and I'll use one up in my area, for instance, of Stanton County, which Senator Schellpeper represents, was to be sited, or that ended up being the county of siting, under LB 72, that would mean that Stanton County then would be allowed to vote, no one else, only Stanton County. That site very well could be within a hundred yards of the Wayne County border, and yet the people of Wayne, which may be more affected than the majority of the populace of Stanton County, would not be allowed to vote. The same thing could happen if it was in Wayne County and the Wayne County voted in affirmative and the siting happened to be over by Hoskins, Nebraska, which is right next to the Norfolk area, here you have got 35,000 people, probably, that are going to be affected in that Norfolk metropolitan area when the decision will be made by 8,000 people who live in Wayne County, most of which will live 25, 30 miles away, and would be considered to be less affected. And so what my amendment proposes to do is to say that if you are going to have a county of siting, that that county plus all contiguous counties to that county all have the right to vote. That way we are not going to have a situation