

Commonwealth case, and that, to me, is the essence of the issue? We have an obligation to the people, not only of Boyd County, but to all Nebraskans that this Legislature is going to follow through with what it believes its obligations are. And with that, we will have to consider the Conway amendment and see if that is the proper definition of community consent, but I do believe Senator Conway has appropriately brought this amendment here on the issue of community consent because...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...that is the issue. Thank you.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I guess I have to stand in opposition to this amendment of Senator Conway's. If I read the amendment right, we could be talking about a voting district that would extend about 150 miles across the north side of Nebraska, because if you place...if you place Keya Paha County on the west, Boyd County in the middle, and Knox County on the east, you have got almost 150 miles straight across there. Again, on the other hand, five miles north of the site is South Dakota. Those people can't vote. It looks kind of ridiculous to me that we would try to place an amendment on this bill that would do that sort of thing to the citizens of our state, and not even allow the citizens in South Dakota, which we can't, an opportunity to express themselves. Placement of the waste site in the first place was extremely precarious. We have lots of problems with the way that that was done. It has come to the fore this year. We know what the evidence is concerning the Peery tapes. It was done with less than honorable intentions in the way that Nebraska was selected in the first place, and the way the Boyd County was selected in the second place. I would just like to read you a couple of things from the record. One is a statement that was made by Norm Thorson at the Compact Commission, and the statement was, it says that Governor Orr is very sensitive to the issue of community consent. I think she believes really that as a practical matter, it is impossible to site a facility in a community, if that community truly objects. Consequently, one of our conditions is that you cannot site a facility in a community without that community's consent. Now this was language that was delivered at the compact. It is in their minutes and I think it is dated in 1988. Now then, the minutes