

knew that they were supposed to have the right. So, yes, we are trying to vote on the issue of whether to place a health hazard in Boyd County, and that is not like a road, ladies and gentlemen. Believe me, that is not like a road. We have tried to talk about technical reasons for not siting this facility. We have talked about wetlands, which this is right in the middle of. We have talked about the layer of shale under that site that the water has to drain off of into the Ponca Creek. We have talked about the aquifer. Some people say it doesn't exist. I have maps that show that it does. We have talked about safety of the facility, and we have been told that it is impossible to build cement that doesn't crack. It is impossible to build or place metal up there that won't corrode, and yet people seem to not accept that. They seem to think that we are just blowing smoke at them and this is not true. This is a very, very real issue. It is a very, very serious issue. It is a very health hazard issue, and I think that we deserve...this body needs to give those people the right they deserve to vote on the issue, and we can do that by passing 72, but we don't need this amendment of Senator Conway's. We raised the question about deflated property around this site, and that is in another bill, and they have an amendment to that affect. Deflated properties on farms and ranches next to the waste site, we know it is going to happen. Every place they have put one of these sites it has happened. We've raised the question about political influence in site selection, and we know that happened. We have the proof. We have seen the tapes. We know that it has happened. We've seen political chicanery in action. Senator Johnson mentioned something about increased rates to ratepayers. I submit to you that they have already paid some tremendous rates. They have spent almost \$40 million on this waste site and really accomplished very little yet.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: And it appears to me like that that is kind of a bogus issue. I am sure that when the power company decides it is a time for a rate increase, there isn't a whole lot that the citizens are going to do about it anyway. If they need a rate increase, they will probably get it whether it is for a waste site, or for not having a waste site. At this point, I hope you will not accept the Conway amendment and that you will support LB 72 as amended. Thank you.

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