

storage, then let me remind you under the NRC rules, you cannot store low-level waste on-site in a flood plain for more than five years. At that point, it has to be taken someplace else. And so the alternative of storing it on-site is probably not going to hold water. But think about, what are the alternatives? We don't have any at this point other than going it on our own, if we wish to do that. I am not saying that is objectionable, but what I am saying is that it is difficult to imagine that we are going to get off any less dollarwise than we would by staying with the compact. Finally, I guess what 72 does do, it does not address shared liability; it does not address alternative concepts; it does not address the cost. All it does is change the siting standards or the standard for siting...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...of a question of health and safety for its citizens and the environment to a standard of political support. That is what 72 does. Keep that in mind. It has nothing to do with shared liability. It has nothing to do with what promises were made or not made. It has nothing to do with us staying in the compact or leaving the compact. It has to do with giving a vote, and that vote deciding whether we stay or that site is approvable or is licensable or not. My point is I don't know, quite frankly. I will tell you this in all honesty, I don't know if Boyd County is the right place for that site. That is why we have got a review process, a license review process that has been ongoing and will continue probably for another year to 18 months. That process will tell us at that point whether that is a licensable site, and I can honestly tell you I don't know whether that site is licensable, but if it is, we should put it there. If it is not, then we start over and go back to the compact, and at that point, they will have to determine whether to continue to...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...look in Nebraska or look someplace else.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Hefner, you are next. Excuse me, excuse me, Senator Hefner, we do have an amendment to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the