

that will make a stronger bill out of 72, and I urge your support of my amendment to Senator Beutler's amendment. And I would like to also ask that you consider again the health hazard involved with nuclear waste as opposed to that of roadways, or pipelines, or bridges. There is absolutely no comparison. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, I actually punched my light on to speak in favor of Senator Beutler's amendment, and since we are now actually back to the original amendment, I will take some time and talk about that. I know Senator Dierks is all earnest when he says he doesn't want any comparisons to roads or anything like that because they are not comparable. And as far as what the actual end result is, there is some truth to that statement, but Senator Dierks knows very well there are precedents you set in this body, there are precedents that we set when we deal with a variety of issues, and, we are right, we should vote our conscience. We should vote for health interests, and we should vote for the best interest, not of just one particular sector of the State of Nebraska, but all Nebraskans in general. Those are the things we have to do. I know Senator Dierks is very, believes very strongly that a promise has been made by someone that community consent has to occur before this facility is constructed, but that someone is always what's elusive. This Legislature never promised that. As a matter of fact, time and time again, we've rejected that notion of community consent. We voted no on that. We have done it more than once. I have never been able to see where the Governor of this state ever once said community consent shall mean a vote by the people. I know and I will admit that lax is probably a soft word to describe how we were into coming up with the description of community consent back a few years ago, but nobody ever said the Legislature, by a vote of the Legislature, or a Governor, that I can remember, or if I am wrong, please correct me, ever said point blank community consent shall mean a vote of the people. That was never said point blank as some people would like to have us believe. There is room for judgment. There is room for opinion. We all must exercise that. But to say by not allowing community consent means we, as a Legislature, are going back on our word is not exactly accurate. And the precedent we set here goes on and on, and I have been amazed at people debating this issue, how they want to deal with it in a vacuum. I understand why they do, but