

it there, they have got the waste there, we didn't have to ship it all over the country, we put the low-level waste right on top of the high-level waste and we bury it in concrete. The problem is the nuclear industry doesn't want to have that legacy around for years and years and years. Not in Louisiana, not in Arkansas, Nebraska that is fine. That is fine. You guys can have it and you can pay for it. With ownership of land comes liability. You know that. We discussed it in the waste issue. I have a handout on the waste issue that will explain that clearly, and it applies to low-level waste too. With ownership of land comes liability.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Senator Rod Johnson, you are next.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I originally wanted to rise to support Senator Beutler's original amendment because I think he is taking a thoughtful approach to a very complex issue, how to bring other states, at least the one state that has not yet adopted shared liability, and brought the focus of that discussion with his amendment. As I indicated originally, LB 72, as it is written, does not talk at all about shared liability and would not, I don't think under any circumstance, bring Kansas to the table. Under any reason that I can think of that it makes any sense as to why providing community consent vote in Boyd County, for example, since that is now the preferred site, would make Kansas want to come forward and actually offer a shared liability bill through their Legislature. But what Senator Dierks has done by his amendment to Senator Beutler's amendment is a shrewd move, whether he knows it or not, because on Select File, as maybe some of you recognize, it takes 25 votes to adopt an amendment to an amendment. So I assess that if Senator Dierks has 25 votes to adopt Senator Beutler's amendment, that he has probably some 25 votes for the bill, and this could be the first of several critical votes that we will take relative to this subject. But as far as I am concerned, again, the provision for voting is one that as Senator Beutler has indicated could set in motion a variety of cause and effect situations in this state that we may not want to come back and recognize someday in the future. It is ironic, I think, as we talk about the health and safety issue of this low-level site, that in a bill that we are dealing with relative to landfills and solid waste storage that we took out all the provisions relative to seeking community consent, or some kind of a provision for votes by local municipalities or counties relative to those sites because those are unique to our