

That is the sad part. After four years, I am afraid I am the only one that knows that. I hope I am wrong. Within the compact, consistent with the compact, we can do the vote. We can do that. I wish we could do what Senator Beutler wants to do and the vote, but we cannot do it. We cannot do it. As far as having an obligation to the people, we do. I agree with Senator Beutler. Have you ever played poker? Have you ever played 3 or 33, one of the worst pokers game in the world, one of the worst pokers in the world? Six people, one person goes for low, and three, one person for...half of them go for low, half of them go for high, you end up just spending...throwing money after money after money, and somebody is stuck on three and they are just betting big. And you are climbing for 33 and they keep hitting for another buck, another buck, another buck, and you go, boy, I have got a horrible hand but I have spent so much now I have got to keep going, I have to keep going, maybe I will hit 33. And a face card is worth a half, so you get 27, and 27 1/2, another buck, another buck, 28, 28 1/2, another buck, another buck. Finally, you decide, you know, this is going to cost me quite a bit more money, even though I've spent a lot of money, this is a bad process I'm in right now, and I am getting out because I think I will save much more by getting out now than I will...than the expenses incurred by staying in. Staying in will cost me two, three, four, five, ten times as much down the road. Now I have honestly represented this situation. I have never said I am trying to get out of this compact. I voted for 402, I think. Now who on this floor knows if they voted for or against staying in the compact the way it was written? Probably no one. Senator Robak and I have been discussing that, but I would never do it again. I didn't know anything about it. None of us knew anything but the PR put out by the hospitals, the labor unions, the University of Nebraska, all a bunch of bull. Hospitals will close. Old people will have no medical services. Power plants will close. Your rates will go shooting through the ceiling. All a bunch of malarkey. All a bunch of malarkey. So that is anything but community consent, anything but a good vote by our citizenry. They were misinformed and misinformed badly by the same people, the same out-of-state money involved in that issue. Out-of-state power companies bought that election, and their money has been driving this issue since. We can't do this. I wish we could. That is why we...each Legislature has to sign onto this. Let's reject this amendment and get onto the community consent vote. The vote will not kill the project any more than a license failure of the Boyd site will kill the project. If you've read the law,