

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. We are now on the bill. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased and I will go to Senator Dierks to close on the advancement of LB 72.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, every couple of years, maybe once a year sometimes, maybe even twice a year, this body has the opportunity to vote from your heart, and I think this is that opportunity. This is the opportunity for you, as Senator Baack put it a couple of weeks ago, to become statesmen, to become state senators. I don't know if you noticed the article in the World-Herald this morning, I saw it in both the Lincoln paper and World-Herald, Associated Press article, that says the Supreme Court is going to visit the issue of federally mandated nuclear waste storage in the states, and two of the justices were already quoted, one of them Sandra Day O'Connor was quoted as saying that she thought that this was highly unusual that the federal government would come along and usurp states' rights with this type of legislation. I think that give you some indication of what will be the outcome of the Supreme Court decision. I think that they will...I am convinced that they will strike the federal legislation that we have all had so many questions about. We have the opportunity today to ask our own questions about the whole nuclear waste siting process. We have the opportunity to say we think we are playing the rules...or the game by a different set of rules today. This compact system was set up several years ago in the middle eighties, and it said that we needed 13 of these storage sites, and now they think we need only two, possibly three. Yet we are still playing the game by those old rules. Nebraska and California are the only two states in their respective compacts that have made any effort toward providing storage. So if we go ahead full-bore on what we are doing and we provide for a waste site in Nebraska, California provides one in California, and this state decides it needs only two waste sites, Nebraska will