

end up taking half of the waste storage from this nation. That isn't the way that the game was set up. That is not the way that we are playing the game. So I have problems with that, and I think you should too. It looks to me like we have the opportunity here to give the people in Boyd County the opportunity, the right to vote, and if they say no, then we turn the waste site down. I don't have any problem with that at all. I think that there is also a letter I passed around to your desk. It is from a member of old Omaha Public Power District, Board of Directors, and he is also asking us to support LB 72. So you don't have a unanimous decision from the Boards of Directors of OPPD and NPPD. Their managers are asking you not to support, but there are at least four members of NPPD that have the same opinion that Dr. O'Hara does from OPPD. Someone has said that it is a difficult issue, and it is a difficult issue. It's been a very difficult issue for me. We've averaged about 3 1/2 hours a day for the last four years in my office on this issue alone. It is a difficult issue, but it is not difficult for me to help to provide the promises that were made from day one on the issue. We've raised a lot of questions about what went on. We've talked about the shortcomings of the compact, and the problems that Mr. Peery had, and we have talked about the problems that we have had with US Ecology. We have talked about the problems...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...we have had with the whole process as far as the shove it down your throat attitude that is going on in Nebraska. I think this is an opportunity for us, then, to say, wait, we are just not going to let you people shove this down our throat. We are going to have something to say about that. This is our opportunity to do that. We can say we think that the people in Nebraska should have something to say about this issue, and it has not happened yet. I ask for your support on LB 72. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. You have heard the closing on the motion to advance LB 72, and we have a request for a roll call vote in regular order by Senator Rod Johnson. And we will now vote on the advancement of LB 72. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1749 of the Legislative Journal.) 24 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.