

SENATOR DIERKS: I wouldn't know. I don't know if anybody does, but I think if there's an accident of some sort and there's administrative costs for cleanup, how do we know what it would cost, Senator Withem. But I don't think the state taxpayers should pay for that, I think that the company who provides the accident should pay for that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well I don't..and I don't think that does...your amendment doesn't do that. Your amendment would not have the...if it's in part of the cost-benefit analysis, I don't think it would do that. I think it would just simply be one of the costs that would be calculated as to whether this project counts or not. And if there's no...no estimate, and I know we play with numbers here and we don't ever know exactly what we're talking about, but I don't know that this is tens of dollars, hundreds of dollars, thousands of dollars, or hundreds of thousands of dollars. I simply can't support it. And I was genuinely interested in seeing if it might be something that would make some sense, but it doesn't sound like there is any sense of how much this would cost, and for that reason I'm not going to be able to support it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Dierks, to close.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, Senator Withem and Madam President, members of the body, Senator Withem, the...there will be administrative costs for any license that's issued over there, and it would be involved, whether it's a license to examine for water quality or water treatment, it'd be a license to examine for air quality treatment or pollution, whatever is necessary from the Department of Environmental Quality to keep this plant healthy in keeping with our resource laws would be the cost. So I still think that the amendment is important. I think we should make sure that the people who provide these difficulties, it becomes a part of their estates cost and lost state income. And I think we should put this amendment in law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question before the body is the adoption of the Dierks amendment to LB 829. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Call of the house, please.