

hope you'll see fit to attach this amendment and put this behind us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. This amendment is essentially a bill that I introduced at the beginning of the session and it does represent a compromise, as I understand it. I wasn't really involved with the compromise talks. They were done, I think, through the Governor's Office and with the power industry and with Senator Beutler and I have some problems with it from the standpoint that we do not have in it the remediation fund, which I think is necessary and essential for...for our state to be protected, and I have difficulties with the state accepting title to it at the end of the closure. I've heard from Senator Beutler that he intends to continue to work for the remediation fund and I'm not...I guess that I wish that we had the whole package. I'd prefer to have a whole loaf rather than a half a loaf. I just wanted to tell you this, I wanted it for the record that I wish that we had not...I think what happens with this...with this amendment is we give more power to the federal government, take less away from the state or take more away from the state and I think we really shouldn't be doing that because we've already given away a tremendous amount of state authority over this whole situation. But regardless of that, I...I have difficulties with the amendment. I'm not going to support it, but I'm not going to...I just wish that it were easier for me to do this. I think that there's been a lot of work on it. I think the Governor's Office is content with it and I guess I'll have to just let you be your own judge on whether to accept it or not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Madam President, members, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a few questions if I could, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Beutler, on page 12, as Senator Dierks was alluding to there, the transfer of the title to the state does not relieve the developer of any of the costs to this if there should be anything, is that right?