

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, I will be withdrawing this amendment momentarily. As you, just to refresh your memory, this was an amendment that I asked you to consider on Select File with respect to the land ownership on the low-level nuclear waste facility. There had been a dispute, a longstanding dispute now as to who should own the land at the time the facility is established, when and if it is established, that is the state or the operator. And you may recall that I described to you on General File a long series of negotiations between the Governor's Office, this was a bill I think that was originally put forth on behalf of the Governor by Senator Dierks, and the Governor's Office had reached a compromise with the utilities. None of them were elated by the compromise, but it was probably a very good compromise. I intend that that compromise will be presented to you next year on the floor when we have time to debate, but, notwithstanding the fact that I think it probably would have strong majority support in this body, there is still uneasiness around the edges in terms of some groups who are interested in this process, and enough uneasiness that I think Senator Dierks is still uneasy with it, and it simply is not suitable for a 15-minute debate. So having said that, it...I would withdraw the proposed amendment, not because it is not a good one, but simply because it is too big a matter, and too much uneasiness to deal with it at this particular point in time. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would also move to readvance the bill then to Final Reading.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Preister, did you wish to discuss the bill?

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. Yes, I just have some concerns after the discussion that we had last time on the bill and would like a little clarification from Senator Beutler, if he would yield to some questions please. In any event, Senator...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...Senator Beutler, of some type of contamination, or leak, or remediation being needed, the process