

where we'll be talk...this is what we'll be talking about, it would say that no waste shall be accepted at the facility until the amendments to the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact are in effect in Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas and have been ratified by Congress. So that's the leverage, that's the handle that is currently in the bill--no waste shall be accepted. And Senator Landis is going to suggest an alternative to you presented as an amendment to the committee amendments and I think probably, Senator Bernard-Stevens, if we go to the amendment to the committee amendments, we can have a discussion on the one outstanding or the one question I know of that's outstanding and go through the matter.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS PRESIDING

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk, there's an amendment.

CLERK: Senator Landis would move to amend, Mr. President. (AM4189 is found on page 1616 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I will do my best to observe the need for timely action here. I'll make a short opening. I'll state the issue as clearly as I can. I'll call for a vote and then we'll move on. You will find on your desk this sheet, which I just passed out. It's under the signature of an NPPD director, one of the ones from...elected from Lincoln, Ralph Johnson, represents my area, as a matter of fact. He says in this letter to me that the Lincoln Journal is right and that, in fact, the amendments that have occurred in the package that Senator Beutler is offering now have gone too far. To find out what too far is, you have to go back to the green copy of the bill. Maybe you don't want to do it. It's only one sentence, but let me read it to you. Here's what the bill said when it came to us. No construction of the facility shall take place until the amendments to the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact contained in laws 1991, something we agreed to, our laws, right, LB 837, are in effect in Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and been ratified by Congress. Now what was in the amendments? What did we pass in 1991 that we are