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the Attorney General's Office, but some of those salaries were salaries by statute, and those salaries were paid to, for instance, the monitoring committee in Boyd County, and that was strictly for the protection of the citizens of Boyd County. Gave the monitoring committee the ability to do some of their own policing and some of their own investigation, which they did, and they hired some outstanding hydrologists, engineers, and they come up with decisions that didn't match what US Ecology came up with. That was the reason that they were given those dollars. There was some other dollars spent on behalf of those people who supported the waste site in Boyd County, and those dollars largely went to one community and they did a lot of building that was...I mean a lot of...did a lot of projects in the town, street paving and some building design and refurbishing, and those things were paid on the other side of the issue. So, yes, there were some funds that were spent that way but that was all done by statute, and it wasn't something that was just done out of hand. So I would urge your support of LB 530, when we get around to it, and I guess I probably won't try to speak on this again, unless something really glaring comes to my attention. But I am thankful for the rhetoric this morning. I think maybe that it is something that we should all hear. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: (Microphone malfunction) ...Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature, let me continue for a moment just on the history of the matter; we were talking about the four different stages, and actually some of those later stages were brought into the conversation by others, but there was the period of time when everybody had agreed upon the national system, and everybody was building towards that. That was the first period. The second period was when technology changed and everybody started to bail out of the national system. And for those first two phases, the Nebraska Legislature, myself, personally, and most people in the state went along with this program because we were all operating in good faith to take care of our own waste. But then it became clear that the economics demanded only one site nationally, and it became clear that if you had all of these different sites, twelve or thirteen of them with two or three states