

longer than usual. When the facility will be approved or disapproved, that decision can come any time this year. Might conceivably come before the next legislative session. I think it's incumbent upon us to get these things done, to put some leverage in the bill, some meaningful leverage. I think this leverage is meaningful but I don't think it's necessary to go quite as far as Senator Landis would suggest and, with that, those would be my last remarks or last intended remarks anyway on this particular amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Beutler, and for those that are interested there are about 15 minutes left on the bill. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Abboud on the Landis amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to ask Senator Dierks a question to try to put his feet to the fire, if I can.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: My feet are in the fire.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, "Senator Bacon"...I mean, Senator Dierks, I'd like to ask you this question, and it's a serious question, so that I can get to the main one I want to ask you. If, first of all, can the state of Nebraska compel Congress to do anything?

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can the state of Nebraska compel any other state to do anything?

SENATOR DIERKS: Not very easily.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If Congress does not do what you all hope Congress will do in this regard, and if the other states do not do what you hope they will do in this regard, and the facility, nevertheless, is constructed, what would prevent Congress from saying that wherever...? Okay, let me ask you this question now. All of the money that will go into the construction of this facility will come from whom?