

may. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The house is under call. Would all senators not excused please come to the floor, the house is under call. Senator Landis, to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Colleagues will be coming back in and checking in, so for many of them who are off the floor this will be their chance to hear what the issue is. At the disposition of this I think we'll be able to move timely on to the rest of the bill. I can't anticipate that the amendment will be successful, but I raised it for good reason and I do know, I hope I never get a chance to say I told you so. It is my fervent hope that never occurs. On the other hand, front page of the paper: US Ecology Defends Finances. The issue of liability is very timely here. Here's a very contemporary question as to whether or not the existing deep pocket, which is US Ecology, would be sufficient. If they weren't sufficient, who would it fall to? It would follow...it would fall to the compact. At least it would fall to the compact states if we use the green copy of the bill, the one I want to go to, the green copy that says you can't build until everybody agrees to shared liability. What's in the amendment now, what's in the underlying committee amendments? It says, go ahead and build, just don't accept waste. My belief is that that's not enough assurance, that's not enough of a hammer. I'm going to guess any time you build a 50 or 80 million dollar plant that you're going to find a way to use it one way or the other, and that should there...should that plant be available, that the utilities will go to any and everybody who will allow it to be used. And one of the people they'll go to to change the rules will be us. We have not proven to be that strong in the past. I ask us to be strong now and adopt this amendment. You'll find the argument summarized both by the Lincoln Journal and by the NPPD director in my area, Ralph Johnson, in the material that you'll find on your desk. We are not all assembled.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, members,...have you concluded your