

reject it, then we could go back to the compact, but more than likely, I would think the alternative in this case is going to be other sites in Nebraska first, then back to the compact later. But, of course, that is a long time down the road at this particular point. But I do support 837 and I hope the changes we have made this morning will not affect the other states. I don't believe they will since we are addressing statutes, but I would like to see the bill move today.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Now go to Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This is, indeed, an interesting debate. I maintain and I have the DEC's guarantee, and I have the US Ecology's guarantee that they will never ever come back to Boyd or Nuckolls or to Nuckolls or Nemaha County. It has been said over and over again. I went through six or eight weeks last year of trying to get that guarantee in some legal form of writing, something solid that we could really sink our teeth into, and over and over, the DEC and US Ecology said we have given it to you. The compact said it is there, we are not going back to Nuckolls or Nemaha County. So, folks, if Boyd fails, the site is unlicensable, as Rich Paton said in our hearings on these bills, it is back to square one, square one being we start all over again. We look at the other states. We look at everybody again. That is square one, folks, as described by Rich Paton in committee hearing. So the argument that they go back to Nuckolls or Nemaha is invalid. This is simply an amendment that we adopted that addresses state law on how we implement the compact. Other states can put their compact commissioners in by the best looking person in the state, the skinniest person in the state, however they want. We want our Governor to nominate that person and that is what the amendment does. It does not affect compact law that must be identical in all states, and then ratified by Congress. LB 837 is simply host state's rights, rights that should have been there all along. That is all we are asking for. We are willing to live underneath these provisions if, indeed, someone else is the host state, and the good faith called for in this whole compact issue calls for Nebraska to ask the other states to be willing to live under these conditions if we are the host state, because the conditions that presently exist are more favorable to many other people than the citizens of the State of Nebraska,