

are citizens of our state. They, too, deserve your attention and your concern and your empathy. I just only wish that I could make you understand the importance of this whole issue to those people, and we can stand up here and say that nothing is going to happen. We can stand up here and say it is safe. We can stand up here and we can say, well, they have built these all over the country, but the fact is that all over the country where they have built them they have leaked. They don't have safe sites. It doesn't matter what they put in them, they are not safe, and wherever they have leaked, there has been a cancer problem. And yet we are standing here and we are condemning the people in Boyd County to this sort of a situation. All we are asking is to comply with what we think is correct procedures and that is what this legislation does. It doesn't stop the process. It just provides what we think is the proper procedure to keep the process alive and viable. You can't do it with overburdening the committee with proponents or opponents, and the committee originally was set up largely with proponents of the site, and you have a percentage of about 15 to 85, that didn't look very fair. So the thing that I need to do is just impress on you again the necessity for the passing of this amendment...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...to allow this thing to work for my citizens. I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Morrissey, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Moore, would you answer a question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore, would you respond, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Moore, I have a hard time convincing people some of the things I am saying I am not making up, or actually I am having a hard time telling them all of it, and I made a statement when you were off the floor that DEC is having a hard time keeping their own house in order. Could you elaborate on the Appropriations Committee's awareness of the shortfall in funding there?