

is, you can ship us the waste. We don't want it, but if the federal law forces us to take it, we will take it, but that only means it speeds the process up. That means that that facility closes sooner, and the next state takes its role in assuming the responsibility of building a waste site. We did not put that in the bill to show bad faith. We put it in there to protect our citizens. As I have said before, what I thought we were trying to put together in 827 was some kind of consumer protection. Now there are faults in this bill, I'd be the first to admit that, but they're not purposely for or put in there maliciously to try an cut off people's opportunity to express themselves. I don't see any relevance to do that. The Ray Peery situation has pointed out what happens when you don't have accountability, and that is what this bill is trying to provide is some accountability to the public. I would hope that you will reject this particular amendment or any further amendment, advance the bill. I pledge on this floor to Senator Morrissey, Senator Dierks, and anyone else who wants to participate, that if there are differences in this bill that we can...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...negotiate, work out, I am willing to do that. I think Senator Dierks and Senator Morrissey know me well enough to know that, hopefully, I am a reasonable person and that I will try, as best we can, to work this out, because regardless of what has been said or represented on the floor that nobody cares, that is not, that is not the truth. I have met with just as many folks on both sides of this issue, from Nuckolls, Boyd, Nemaha, Webster, Clay, Hamilton, wherever they are, from all over the State of Nebraska, who have concerns about this project, and they are legitimate concerns, and there are people who come to us with legitimate concerns about their welfare, about their environment, about their future, and nobody wants to jeopardize their future, wherever they live. But until such time as we either are relieved of this burden, or until the facility is actually built and operational and proves to be safe, there will always be questions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Morrissey.