

have to talk about that. But I'm also asking what if, for other reasons other than withdrawal, the license is not issued, other than technical reasons, what are our liabilities or risk, financially speaking to the state and the rate payers of our state?

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you. I guess the...this much of a concern I have, I understand the fact that we, as a state, are perceived to have made some promises. But as I recall Senator Landis's comments on General File, where the odds are that this will be just run around and around the state, what...what that eventual liability may be, in terms of costs to the state in some fashion, who's going to pay is of genuine concern. It does make some sense to me that we ought to see if this site even fits. If it fits, then a vote at that point, if one was to be made, would make more sense to me, because at least it would be made knowing what limitations, if any, a site might have. But at this point, though, the entire application process is completed. We really don't know, and I think it does then become, as Senator Johnson indicates, sort of a vote based on emotions rather than fact, and that is a concern, because I don't know how many more times we would repeat it, or how the Legislature would ever address that issue each time it was repeated.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. The speaking order now is Senator Elmer, Robinson, Morrissey, Ashford, Dierks, Schmit, Beutler, and Withem. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Very briefly. My position has been clear, and I'll speak but once on this bill at this point. First, I don't think it's a position the Legislature should take to endorse what a prior administration has stated, that is bad public policy. Secondly, I don't believe that the citizens of Boyd County would be well served with this. They have had so much emotional stress already, and an election process on top of that will split that community even further, and even more deeply. I would urge all of you to think very seriously about what this vote could mean, and use your good, common logic, though, as Senator Hall said a little earlier, logic seems at times to be in short supply in our Chamber, and vote red on this bill when it's asked to be advanced.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Robinson.