

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I don't think we've been told yet what a negative vote will do to the liability of the State of Nebraska. I oppose the passage of LB 72. I don't know how we can stand here and sit here in good conscience and move this bill on without knowing what it's going to do to the taxpayers of Nebraska. We haven't been told, the letter hasn't been given to Senator Johnson, there's no way, there's just no way we can find out what the liability will be. I urge you to defeat LB 72.

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

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Robinson, there is no withdrawal in this bill. We are voting what the people in charge have allowed us. Senator Elmer said we shouldn't support what Governor Orr promised, possibly. But this is the compact commissioners, they took a vote on it, in the committee hearing this year their representative, Allen Peterson, said, yes, we voted in favor of that, we were wanting a definition of what community consent could be. That's what we are doing. So why does this give us any liability?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Why didn't...why didn't Governor Nelson answer Senator Johnson's letter then?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: That's for a completely different issue, that's for withdrawing from the compact. The liability with this isn't on us, it's with the commissioners, because they voted as the people in charge of this issue for our citizens to have community consent, their representative testified in legislative hearing that they were looking for a definition. We are now giving them what they ask, the people in charge. We have no liability, the state commiss...the inter...compact commissioners voted for this. It's their baby, it's their problem, it's their liability, if there is liability. Pardon? Well, I've got it in black and white on my desk, if you'd like to read it. Mr. Peterson is in the lobby, if you'd like ask him the same things I asked about. It's been done, they did vote on it. Ask the people in the lobby if they voted on it, ask them yes or no. Ask Mr. Peterson if they said they wanted a definition of what community consent was. Ask him, did you say that, yes or no. He's right out there, those of you who don't believe that. We're not talking withdrawal, we're talking about