

authority to the monitoring committees to look at this. We took this right out of federal regs, new reg, 1,300. As a matter of fact, it talks about socioeconomic in some of the reviews that must be done on the facility license. The problem with this is that US Ecology, the way I understand it, was supposed to do something like this, and they failed to do it. US Ecology first hired a sociologist to do this. They hired him. He was doing some things that they didn't like, so they fired him. If you remember that, it hit the papers, and discussing that with some sociologists from across the country, they thought the questions that this man was wanting to ask is...the questions he was wanting to ask were very valid, very good social economic questions, something every sociologist would do. But they fired him because they didn't like it, and it just so happens the same time this was going on, I was listening to a deal from Iowa or Iowa State where they were sending some sociologists to Russia, and the Russians were telling them what they wanted the answers to be. They said here is what we want the answers to be, folks, and the Iowa people told them, no, that is not how you do a true socioeconomic study. You ask the tough questions and you let the people answer them. I am not saying that is what US Ecology was doing, but they hired a valid sociologist, and then they got rid of them. And most of the sociologists I've talked to in the country said the man was very qualified, very professional, and knew what he was doing. So why did they get rid of him? They got someone to address the problem for them. They did hire someone, and their study showed, folks, we are talking about socioeconomic studies, and the US Ecology study has proven that the community up in Boyd County will have no affect on the facility. Could I have a gavel, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: (Gavel.)

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Again, folks, if you would listen just for one second. The socioeconomic study that US Ecology has done has proven, without a doubt, that the community in Boyd County will have no affect on the facility. In case you didn't catch it, it is completely backwards, folks, you are supposed to study and see if the facility has an affect on the community. Thank you. Senator Will caught it. I am glad you were paying attention. But that is what was done, folks, and I think we need to...this is a simple amendment, I talked to Senator Johnson about it early on, and legal staff, and they had agreed that this is something that should be done, and I would urge you to allow this to take place and help me adopt this amendment.