

wrongfully. The DEC acted wrongfully. They cannot claim that they were too busy or too confused over there to pay attention to what was going on within this body. They testified at all the hearings, they attended all the hearings. They followed the floor debate closely, or they should. They knew the law changed. For some reason, for some reason unknown to me, and I can't even fathom why, they did not follow the existing law. We are not necessarily opening up a new can of worms with this motion, unless you want to call a new can of worms accountability. I would hope that we couldn't claim we haven't asked for accountability for our taxpayers from all state agencies up to this point. I think we have and I think we need to get tougher on that issue. Again, many states have been auditing their folks and found out there is money spent in questionable manners. If you want to send the message to these departments and agencies that it's fine, go ahead, just go ahead and spend the money, we won't ask any questions, then defeat my amendment. If you want to send the message that, hey, folks, pay attention, follow the law, spend your money wisely, our taxpayers are getting just a little sick of what's going on or what they perceive to be going on. If you vote against this amendment, you're voting against accountability. If you vote for the amendment, you're voting for accountability, what's right, what's fair, you're telling the departments to wake up. They did not receive a properly filed application until well after the law had changed. They could have easily told these subdivisions, folks, the law has changed, because the subdivisions knew about it, but yet the state department heads in control are supposedly in control of the low-level for our people, hadn't realized that evidently. There's a lot of questions and a lot of accountability that needs to be done, a lot of counting that needs to be done over in the Department of Environmental Control and I think this is the place to start, folks. That fund is, currently contains the \$500,000 it's supposed to contain. I just found that out. So, we can and we should draw on that fund. It is indeed paid by our citizens but also the citizens of five states and the power companies and I think maybe some of the power companies might draw...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...off of their profits a little to pay into this fund, I would hope. So it isn't like we're hitting just our taxpayers in the state. We're hitting the ratepayers all over the five-state area and these large power companies and I