

I will try to take the entire list of amendments and I will say also that the committee has proposed some amendments to the committee amendments which we will offer after I have explained the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, I'm going to interrupt you again. (Gavel.) Please, let's have it held down so that we can hear. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: There are also some other amendments to the committee amendments which have been proposed by the legislators and we will address those in due time. First of all under the committee amendments, if an individual becomes an owner of a majority of any Class A stock, of any class of stock of an applicant or licensee, the Department of Environmental Control shall conduct a review of such person including the past environmental compliance and financial responsibility. This means that if the company which is in the position of constructing the facility is forced to change...is going to change majority control of the company by virtue of the stock of the company, that the DEC shall review such an individual if it is an entity. Number two, it bans noncompact waste without the approval of the Legislature unless an emergency exists. This addresses the problem that was raised by some individuals relative to whether or not it was possible for a state that was not a member of the compact to deposit waste within this facility. This provides some protection in that regard. Number three, requires the developer to provide training and equipment for local emergency response. Obviously in the event of a problem, we would rely upon local entities, local law enforcement, local fire departments and local police individuals, therefore, we require training for those individuals. Number four, creates the presumption of liability of a facility operator if a release occurs in excess of regulatory allowances which may be rebutted by a showing that the damage, injury or death did not result from such release or that the radiation exposure resulted from some cause other than facility operations and, Mr. President and members, the committee has an amendment which will strike that amendment. Number five, strikes the current requirement that a toll free phone number be available to call a compact office. Number six, requires the establishment of a satellite compact office within 30 days of the effective date of the act. Number seven, places the chief of a fire department within 15 miles of the site on a local monitoring committee. We have a clarifying amendment in