

the local monitoring committee must be given the proper funding to do their job. They must oversee this process for the community. They represent the community. To finally establish trust in this process that has been without trust for so long, to give someone who is responsive to the people is what we need to do right now. To continue to simply play lip service, to pay lip service to their concerns is not what we want. There are enough cheerleaders for this facility and this process already. We need to let these people know that this Legislature is indeed concerned about oversight and give these people the money to conduct their own oversight.

PRESIDENT: May I address you folks for a moment, please. We usually don't allow applause or jeering or booing or any type of demonstration. It takes up time and uses up time that might be used by the senators, so we respectfully request that you do not applaud or have other demonstrations. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would respectfully...I want to say this, I appreciate very much the support and the interest and the work of other members of the committee and other members of the Legislature. I especially appreciate the good work and the interest that has been shown by Senator Kristensen and Morrissey and Senator Dierks who have, of course, a very deep interest in LB 761 and I commend them for the work they have done and the dedication they have shown to their districts and also to the matter of resolving the problem which none of us created, but which we must address today. And with those remarks I would also respectfully challenge the germaneness of Senator Morrissey's amendments. His amendments, Mr. President, should be properly addressed to the bill. They do not address the committee amendments and I have reviewed them very carefully and they have all some impact upon the, of course, direct impact upon the bill, but they should be addressed to the bill and not to the committee amendments, and if you would like, I would go through them one by one. But I have done so and as...I'll do it just very briefly. Number A authorizes the monitoring committee to contract with a geologist or other experts to participate in site characterization and selection. We don't address that in the committee amendments. B strikes local inspector and inserts qualified inspector. We do not address that in the committee amendments. C allows local monitoring committees to conduct independent studies. We do not address that. In regard to the funds, we do not touch the funds in the committee amendments. Section E of the Morrissey