

shall increase from 75 to 300,000 the amount of money which is available to the local monitoring committees. That was one of the amendments I believe that was...it's a portion of the amendment which was offered by Senator Morrissey, and the committee agreed with Senator Morrissey that this should be included as a part of the bill, and we offer it as an amendment to the bill. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Morrissey, on the Schmit amendment

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I don't know, I guess some questions of Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator, with the use of the Conservation and Survey Division at the university, you are not precluding the local monitoring committee from also hiring their own geologist, are you?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, we do not preclude that. The monitoring...the local monitoring committee has broad responsibility and flexibility, and we are only saying that those resources are there and they ought to be made available, and we ought not to leave any doubt as to the Legislature's willingness to make them available to the local monitoring committee.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, thank you. Yeah, that was one of my concerns was a daily...access on a daily basis for someone from this committee, and I am under the understanding that the Conservation and Survey Division would not be able to allow anyone out there on a day-to-day basis. They couldn't, with their teaching duties and other duties that the folks have, that they would not be able to allow someone out there on a day-to-day basis. So as long as we are kicking up the amount of funds that the monitoring committees must have to be truly a monitoring committee, I guess I would probably support this amendment until I check it out just a little bit further. I haven't had a lot of time with it, but for that provision, I would support it and hope that you all see the need for these local monitoring committees to definitely have some more funding