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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The gentleman from Minden, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Senator Schmit, could I ask you a couple of questions just so I understand what this amendment does.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Is it your intentions and desire that the Survey Division is going to do the actual sampling, drilling, and those sorts of things, or are they merely going to look at what has already been done?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and Senator Kristensen, the Conservation and Survey, of course, has a certain amount of data they have accumulated over the years, and almost any geologist, I am sure, that was hired by the local monitoring committee, would want to make use of that data in order that they would not duplicate work that has already been performed. The local monitoring committee could request the Conservation and Survey to do additional work, if they wanted additional information, as was mentioned by Senator Morrissey. The Conservation and Survey Division would be at the service of the local monitoring committee and would not be directing their activities. It would be in addition to and it would be because of their historical experience in the very important area of which we are all interested in this particular time. So I think that the question as to whether or not they are going to be...they are not there to override the local monitoring committee. They are there to be of assistance.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I understand. I just want to make sure that what their goal was, whether they are solely for academic information or whether it was to go out and find empirical data or do other things. I think you have answered that question, that they will do whatever is in their powers to do to help these local monitoring committees, and that might well include some sampling of their own and some testing of their own, and not just the providing of information, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, it would be incumbent upon the local