

committee, Senator, to ask the Conservation and Survey to perform services which they found could be helpful to them.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And my final question is, do you envision that to be a tremendous financial burden on them? Can they do that within their operating budget, or will part of the monies from the local monitoring committee go towards defraying their costs?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I believe they can do it within their present operating budget, Senator. I don't think that will be a problem.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I just...one more time for clarification to Senator Schmit. My thrust of my amendment, which I will probably also offer later because I believe it goes a little farther, and it's...I just really want to reestablish or establish the intent that the local monitoring committees are supposed to be a very autonomous committee on their own, that they won't have to be answerable...I mean, they will have to report their funding and do quarterly reports to the Environmental Control, but they will be able to have their own geologist on site, not to perform independent tests, but to participate in the testing that is going to be done by Bechtel, and to be there on a daily basis with these folks, so they just don't have to review data but they will participate in the tests, is that your intent in this? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: That is your intent?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It is my intent, Senator, that the resources of the Conservation and Survey be available to the local committee, number one. Number two, the local monitoring committee can hire this inspector, who may or may not be a geologist, who then may call upon the Conservation and Survey for whatever services he or she feels can be of assistance to that individual. And the Conservation and Survey shall be there at the service of the local committees and not to be in charge. Does that answer your question?