

that in this instance. I would oppose the amendment to have the Revenue Committee conduct the study.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, just a few brief comments, Senator Morrissey, I know your concern. One of the counties that you represent is being considered for a low-level radioactive waste site, but I believe, too, that it would be better if we'd leave this with the Natural Resources Committee. The Revenue Committee deals with tax issues, but this really isn't a tax issue. This tells...it says that the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall conduct a study to establish a formula for the equitable distribution of the funds specified and, so I have appeared before the Natural Resource Committee a number of times and I believe that they are fair. It is a good committee. They have handled the low-level radioactive waste site issue for a number of years. I think they understand it a lot better than the Revenue Committee would. And so I would urge you to vote against this and leave it in the hands of the Natural Resources Committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As Chairman of the Revenue Committee, I appreciate the opportunity that Senator Morrissey would give us to broaden our horizons with regard to the issue of this study, but I don't know that we would be prepared or have the expertise necessary to carry that out. I do appreciate the thought, though, that he is given us. I am not so sure he would get a better result out of the Revenue Committee. He might not like it near as much as what attention he has received in the Natural Resources Committee. They always say the devil you know is better than the devil you don't know, and, clearly, the Chairman of the Revenue Committee is as much a devil as the Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, or so I have been told here lately. With that, I think that the...I understand the amendment as Senator Morrissey has offered and I do believe that it is offered in good faith, but at this point in time, I don't think that it would be appropriate to adopt this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I