

SENATOR LANDIS: They will go to court. They will fight you tooth and nail. They will stretch out their resources to the nth degree until they feel empowered. You can't compel from above their belief or their acceptance. It has to start from the ground level up. That is why the money should go to the monitoring committee. That is why Spencer Morrissey is exactly right. You don't have to do it...my guess is he probably doesn't have the votes...but I will tell you what you are buying. You are buying lawsuit after lawsuit, civil action after civil action, and perhaps civil disobedience down the line, if you don't give them the means to study your studies, to have their scientists, to have their search for the facts. Without it, experience is clear, we have got a long, long time ahead of us before we are going to have a brick laid or a foundation laid and before we have any radioactive waste in this state that is properly and securely handled.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: We are not going to have it. Spencer Morrissey is right in this case. My guess is he doesn't have the votes, but we will see.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Morrissey, I really don't have a basic problem with your amendment except one. In the Section 6, where you change on page 8, line 2, after the "committees", you say, and the money may be used for technical studies, determination of social and economic impact, and any other purposes deemed appropriate by the committee. I feel that that particular statement is very, very broad and could be construed to be able to spend it for any type of activity, no matter what it might be, that the committee would deem appropriate. It would be much better if it read "for any other purposes deemed appropriate to the monitoring of the low-level waste site, its planning, construction, and maintenance" and make it much more precise. And with that, that is all I have to say currently on the proposed amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Weihing, Senator Morrissey, and Senator Landis.