

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I am going to prepare an amendment to the Morrissey amendment, which is basically a very simple amendment and which does about exactly what Senator Owen Elmer discussed. We have already I believe, Senator Morrissey, adopted the portion of the amendment relative to the financial aspects of your amendment. I have no objection, whatsoever, to the definition which states in the statute that you may contract with a geologist or other technical experts, et cetera, et cetera. I have stated that emphatically and repeatedly on the floor here this afternoon. I agree with much of what Senator Landis has said and I think that those of you that have been here long enough will know that I am the foremost defender of individual rights on this floor and local determination. Unfortunately, I have been overridden time after time by those who take the broader viewpoint, who talk about the responsibility to all of us, to the community, to the state, to the environment. You know, we talk a lot about environmental impact statements, and I met in Senator Wesely's office with some individuals today to discuss the problem at Mead, Nebraska relative to the environmental damage that was done by the individuals who were responsible for building bombs, principally during World War II. Let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, had we had to file an environmental impact statement in 1941, we could all be "sprechen Deutsche" today, and you could be standing here whistling Dixie because you probably wouldn't be in this body. There wouldn't be any such thing as a Unicameral. It isn't run that way, wasn't run that way, and that wasn't the way Adolf had it planned, and so there comes a time or two when you use good judgment. I have no objection to much of what Senator Morrissey is trying to say. It seems kind of strange. It seems kind of strange. We talk about local people on the one hand, Senator Morrissey says you just voted against local control. Schmit was the one who said if you are going to have a local monitoring committee, by darn it, it ought to be a local monitoring committee. It shouldn't be some high-powered outsider brought in because he happens to have a certain reputation with which I might agree or disagree. That is local control, to have the local people on a local committee. Suppose that someone decided they were going to have a majority of nonlocal people on a local committee? What a fine kettle of fish that would be. I think that, and I have not had a chance to review that amendment very thoroughly, but I told my counsel what I basically wanted and, ladies and gentlemen, I don't want to curtail the debate on this issue. I want all of you to have