

meeting and said, what can we do, what can we do? We don't know what we can do. We don't have any money. The DEC has told us we are to be very involved and that we can do all these studies, hire the contractor, these independent people. Well, we just don't have the money. We need to give them the money. We need to let them know that they can do whatever is appropriate to satisfy the concerns in monitoring the construction and the siting of this facility. We also need to let the final monitoring committee have the same access to those funds because that is where it will become very important. My amendment goes just a little farther than Senator Schmit's amendment. I am more than willing to clean up that language. I would urge you to adopt the amendment now and we can work on it between now and Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is one of those moments when two people are saying just about the same thing and, in fact, if we work at it, I think we can understand about the same concept. Senator Morrissey does not want to authorize somebody flat off to Hawaii to monitor the beach over there. Senator Elmer does not want to authorize the local board to spend this money in any fashion whatsoever but recognizes that there is a legitimate pursuit of study that could be carried forth. Senator Elmer has I think drawn up some language, and if Senator Elmer would respond to a question, I'd ask him if he has some suggested language for this Morrissey amendment that he has drawn.

PRESIDENT: Senator Elmer, would you respond to his question, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Certainly, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Landis. I had visited with Senator Morrissey. We have no problem about allowing...

SENATOR LANDIS: This is my time so what we are looking for here is the language.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, thank you, Senator Landis, for your admonition. I would suggest that we insert in Senator Morrissey's amendment the specific language that this money, that it's appropriated to be spent for the monitoring of the low-level waste site planning, construction, or maintenance, and