

Commission. That will be an ongoing responsibility, and at the present time, there are no plans or no provisions made for additional local funding. The two-year program should take care of the needs requirements in that respect. That is what I have been told, and that is the basis on which I am offering this amendment. I would be glad to try to respond to any questions.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Discussion. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Crosby.

**SENATOR WARNER:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think it was indicated this is a request that we did not...in fact, I didn't know anything about it until I saw your amendment on the desk, and I want to make a point when I say that, I say that occasionally because amendments come up that did not come before the committee, and the assumption I think is that when I say that or anybody says it, that somehow or other because something didn't come through the process that we are to challenge it, and that is not the reason that that comment is made. The reason you make it is because it was something we were not aware of and, obviously, couldn't have considered it because we were not aware of it. This one I did not know about, as I indicated just, nor did anybody in the committee to my knowledge. My understanding as of this morning, as a matter of fact, is that these local groups unless they do have some funding probably will not continue to function. The plans that have to be submitted have a deadline which I think the final deadline is in 1991, but there was an initial deadline that was October 17th of 1988 for completion of local hazardous material response plans. As of this date, only one planning district has submitted a plan for review. So, obviously, it is something that should be addressed, needs to be addressed. My impression is that some of these local response groups will not be...probably will not be completing their responsibilities without some funding, and so on that basis, the amendment should be supported. The only thing that I can recall, and Senator Scofield reminded me, last year we had to add and did add substantial funding to the Fire Marshal's Office because they had to have certain equipment to be able to make these kinds of inspections and participate in any kind of a disaster where hazardous material might be involved. And so I would just suggest that we adopt the amendment and I should comment that I believe there were several options, and the option that is chosen here is not as expensive as some of the options might be but it will complete the responsibilities of these...immediate