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responsibilities of these local groups within the time frame required both by the federal legislation as well as the state's participation. So I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a couple of questions of Senator Schmit, if he would respond.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please. Senator Schmit, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. I just wanted to straighten out in my mind, Senator Schmit, the Department of Environmental Control is the governing agency or the overseer?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right. They will be designated as a State Emergency Response Commission.

SENATOR CROSBY: You mentioned General Heng. I didn't know, is that because of Civil Defense, the federal civil defense.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Civil defense.

SENATOR CROSBY: I know a lot of people in Civil Defense.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: That is why I am asking these questions because I didn't understand. And when you talk about disasters or emergency response concerning hazardous materials, like if a freight car, if there is a derailment and a freight car blows up or something like that or emits the chemicals that are hazardous to the air, or a power company with failure of emissions of that kinds. We had, in Lincoln just recently, we did have a problem at the plant in northeast Lincoln. The fire department, as far as I know, coped with that pretty well. Is it some of the smaller communities that do not have the training or the equipment available, is that the problem?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Crosby, the problem you outlined in Lincoln is exactly the sort of situation which this would