

suggestion, has decided that he would make an excellent member of that local monitoring committee, that's the way it's going to be. Ladies and gentlemen, you tailor the legislation to the situation, not to the individual. A local monitoring committee...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...can spend the full amount of their resources to hire Mr. Kaufman if they so choose and I would be the first to stand behind them and encourage them to do so if they felt that was necessary. But I will be the last person to suggest that an outside person, myself, for example, be allowed to sit as a member of the local monitoring committee. It is a travesty of the process and it does not serve the purpose for which the local individuals originally intended it to serve. The local monitoring committee was placed there, ladies and gentlemen, not to handicap local people, but to protect them, to give them input. If you start down the road you're starting down today, you have made the first step on a very dangerous journey. We have heard time and again from each of the legislators who have spoken here today about the necessity of local input. On this case, they say but in this case we're not smart enough.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Ladies and gentlemen, I disagree. They are intelligent enough to handle the issue and they can hire who they please for advice and that's the way it ought to be. I vigorously oppose the Chambers amendment and ask you to oppose it also.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment. The last time we discussed this I thought it was very simple. I thought, I stated that I thought the Village of Nora had made a wise decision. The local monitoring committee is there to make decisions to protect the community. Their decision this time was to appoint Mr. Kaufman to help them out in making these decisions. I thought it was a very wise choice on their part and I, again, I stated earlier that one of the worst things that we as a state and the Department of Environmental Control could have done to add more distrust in this process was to question, question the