

worse. It is getting worse day by day. I don't think anything we can do here now, or very things we can do here now will fuel that fire anymore than it is already being fueled, so I would support anything that we could do towards this end. I feel the monitoring committees could use the extra money because the local, the experts that we have all told them they can go out and not hire, necessarily, but contract with do not come cheap, and I think this extra amount of money is justified. I would support both parts of Senator Kristensen's amendment. It is fair and it is just.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, we skipped you a moment ago. Would you like...we are speaking about the first half of the amendment. Okay.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, I understand. I appreciate your coming back to me. I would like to give my time to Senator Kristensen.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, you are next so you have 10 minutes worth, I guess.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I certainly will not use 10 minutes worth because I know the body wants to move on but I think it is very important that we understand, Senator Schmit, that this isn't just all money and figures thrown out there and say, well, you can do that anyway. This is also a message from this body back to those people that say we actually do care about you people out there, and I think it is a small token back to them to have specifically mentioned some services for counseling and stress consultation. These people are going through a tremendous burden and we certainly can say, well, there is other monies out there, but they are going to have to compete for other things that are very important, and sometimes the personal needs are going to get shoved aside. In fact, some of these people may be willing to not spend that money for themselves but to hire other professionals that would do technical things such as core sampling, and hydrology, and landscaping, and let their own personal needs go. And sometimes when it comes down to those things, you are willing to make those sacrifices. What this really is is a statement of, here, take this small amount of money, and it is not going to have one drop of effect on rates or anything like that, in fact, it is just a cost of doing business, and it is not going to burden them, but you say to those people, here, spend it on yourselves. We are specifically