

amendment but I think those who are behind it don't need this amendment at all. I don't think it's necessary and those who construct whatever is to be constructed will understand what the term "grade" means. So I'm going to oppose Senator Lamb's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Morrissey and Senator Lynch.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, the amendment we have been kicking around here, I could have offered it, be glad to take the responsibility for it, makes no difference to me. Let me explain to you what it is. If you leave the language as it stands today, and there happens to be a site selected where the farmer has taken his plow and plowed two furrows together and you raise the existing grade two feet in that one area, then possibly Senator, my good friend, Senator Morrissey, would say, wait a minute, the peak of that grade is the peak of the grade, therefore, you must fill in that extra two feet of soil so as to qualify according to the language. The language, as proposed by Senator Lamb, takes into account the fact that it must be built above grade and that the developer may develop that site in the most economical manner possible. Now if you want to harass the developer, want to increase the cost, you go right ahead and vote against the Lamb amendment. But, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you something. In the final analysis, it's going to be put on the light bill. Somehow or other the ratepayer is going to pay. Now you can harass US Ecology all you want. You can harass the compact. You can belittle the introducers of the bill. You can do all of these things but any time that you add an unnecessary cost to the system, eventually the ratepayer is going to pay. It doesn't make any difference. Now I don't think it's going to make much difference. I don't know who is going to go out there and shoot that gopher mound out there that might be dug on top of that plow furrow and say, well, that's it, fill it in two more feet. I don't know if somebody is going to go out there and build a mound 20 feet high and say, build it on top of that. Usually, common sense prevails in those instances but, all too often, all too often someone has said, well, we don't know; go to court and say, well, we don't know, the Legislature will decide on it. I want to make it clear that, in my opinion, existing grade or grade means the same thing but I want to strike that for those individuals, like Senator Chambers, who can pick on the finest, most finite little matter and make it into a major point of controversy. So what