

bill and turned it in. One of the reasons, of course, was that A bills, like other bills, still must meet the constitutional seven day limit. So, in order that that provision, in the event that funding was necessary, that the A bill needed to be introduced. As I understand, Senator Schmit will address the issue in more detail, but as I understood it there is perhaps some ambiguity at least, if not something more, in the words and the language in the one section of the bill which can possibly be interpreted more than one way, perhaps, or misinterpreted maybe is a more accurate statement to say. Obviously, if the amendment that was offered by Senator Weihing the other day had advanced, it would have cleared up the issue. That amendment was not adopted at the time. But I think the issue needs to be established clearly by legislative intent on whether or not there is in fact a requirement under the legislation as it is proposed for costs to be incurred by the Conservation Survey Division, or if in fact their responsibility is one of consultation, technical assistance. And, if that is the case, then obviously the A bill is not necessary. But through the process of discussing the bill that issue can be resolved, or the bill could be advanced until everyone has had an opportunity to satisfy themselves and the decision of whether or not it needs to be considered could be addressed at either Select File or a later date. If I have any time left, I would relinquish it to Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please. Senator Schmit, excuse me. Try it again.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President and members, Senator Warner has accurately outlined the reasons for 761A, but we have discussed it and I just want to reassert that it was never my intent that Conservation Survey do more than provide technical assistance to the local monitoring committee. And it was not the intention that myself, nor do I believe any of the committee members, that any sampling, or analysis, or testing would be carried out by the Conservation Survey. And, of course, the local monitoring committee is not authorized to do that either, because to do so could possibly jeopardize the position of the contractor. The contractor has to do that. And it was our intention and it was the intent of the Weihing amendment to make clear that those services, advisory and consulting services that could be provided by Conservation Survey would be provided