

Survey's activity with the local monitoring committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. Speaker, members, thank you. I concur with Senator Schmit, there should be no expense. On General File I mentioned that had wanted to go to Conservation Survey early. And I went down and talked to them and they told me they just couldn't do it, they couldn't let a man go, let any people go to do the type of inspection that I wanted them to do on there. They told me they had commitments and they just couldn't release the people. I agree with Senator Schmit that no state money should be used on this type of testing, it should all come out of the compact fees. Very few people were listening then, as I don't think very few are listening now. I'm getting used to that. I was going to write you all a letter on a couple of my amendments, but I think I'll just take five minutes now and save some paper. My amendments the other day that I brought up on the license review, when another entity would take control of siting an operation of our waste facility, I thought was reasonable and simple. The question is, what is controlling interest? Maybe 10 percent isn't right, maybe. I guarantee you 50 percent isn't proper. In my amendment on the health study seemed to be pretty simple to me. We just simply wanted to find out what was going on now in the region so we could know if there are any drastic changes later, very simple. Made a lot of sense to me. We have a lot of problems with people being very fearful of this nuclear waste, and it was simply an issue of bringing in some trust, some more trust in the process. Get these people confident, give them some studies to show them nothing is going on, make them comfortable, give them some trust. But I was told many, many times after the debate that I made some good points, but they said, but we know where you got your information. Folks, I think it was those crazy zealots again, dangle paranoid, anti-nuclear zealots that were giving me all my information. But where my arguments were coming...where the arguments against my bill were coming from I was wondering. And I stood back and took a look the next day and I kind of saw a bizarre little circular argument forming. Senator Schmit said that the study wasn't needed, that the Department of Health would already do it. The Department of Health, I found out, lobbied against my specific amendment saying they couldn't do it, there's no accurate scientific way, because of microwave ovens and X-rays, et cetera, et cetera, they just couldn't do