

to you which explains the confusion over the statutory duties of the Conservation and Survey Division of the University of Nebraska. Now, there is correspondence on your desk from Mr. Perry Wigley, who is the Director of Conservation and Survey, and I ask you to look at it because it is very critical. And I want to emphasize that he states, very emphatically, that all of this can be done without the passage of LB 761A and, furthermore, with the clarifications provided in my letter to him, he states please disregard the fiscal note previously provided. Want to emphasize that the disagreement over the...what was called the Weihing amendment to LB 761 was as to whether or not Conservation and Survey ought to be, number one, even involved in on-site testing and sampling and et cetera; number two, if in fact the local monitoring committee ought to be involved in those activities. Facts are that neither of them should be. Those responsibilities properly belong with the contractor. Secondly, for anyone else to be involved in that type of activity could very well damage the credibility and the contractual responsibility of the contractor. In other words, the local monitoring committee has no authority to sample and to do seismograph studies and the rest of that type of work, sampling analysis. They may observe, they may check, but they are not...it is not the intent, and I guess when it comes right down to it, it was not my intent that they should be doing technical work. We were told time and again that they were...they needed outside assistance just in order to answer questions or ask questions. Therefore, I do not want to confuse you as to who is responsible here for this type of activity. The Conservation and Survey will provide, without charge, those services which they are in position to provide, but it is not their position to do any testing. They do not need any money. Mr. Wigley agrees they do not need any money and, therefore, the bill should die. You should vote red on this bill on Final Reading and I just would encourage you that you not adopt Senator Scofield's amendment. Senator Scofield has had tremendous success this year in wrangling money out of you folks and I congratulate her for it, but I would suggest that maybe you've got to draw the line somewhere, Senator Scofield, and we really don't care so much as long as you don't get into any mischief, but, from time to time the money that you provide here in this instance can actually cause difficulties for the entire process. I do not support the Scofield amendment. In fact, I oppose it very vigorously and I ask you to oppose it also.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the motion