

my composure here, but I get a little bit fed up from time to time with people saying, well, this isn't going to mean anything. Ladies and gentlemen, unauthorized fooling around in the area of testing and seismograph sampling and et cetera can cause the contractor to have problems that might affect liability, that might affect guarantees, might affect an entire new area of responsibilities. Now there comes a time, ladies and gentlemen, when you accept certain premises. You accept the premise that the individual, the company, the entity with which you've contracted is competent. We have had all those other allegations, and I am disappointed that we continue to drag that same old bag of bones across the podium here and attempt to scare people, to intimidate people, and Senator Scofield is dead wrong. She is just plain wrong. Now she is maybe right about a lot of things, but on this issue she is wrong. And there is no reason why the compacts should be called upon under this kind of a guise to provide money to Conservation and Survey or to provide money to the monitoring committee for sampling. Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, you are incorrect if you pass this bill. I appreciate the fact you did not adopt the Scofield amendment, but once in awhile...once in awhile it's like a kid riding in an airplane, you press the wrong button and something's going to pop and go wrong. You better not be doing it unless you know what you're doing. We oftentimes on this floor, myself included, cast a vote on which I'm not totally informed. When that time comes, if I don't know what I ought to be doing entirely, I try to follow the leadership of those individuals who usually we vest the most responsibility with. A whole host of education bills that I'm not very familiar with, it's not my forte, and traditionally I follow the leadership of those individuals who are with the Education Committee. General Affairs, I follow the leadership, even though I sometimes disagree 'cause I understand they've done the work and they did the research. I may have personal feelings, but I follow that leadership, and I am disappointed that the Natural Resources Committee is at least divided on this effort, to say the least. If the Natural Resources Committee members are uncertain about this then speak to me, if you will, please. If the rest of you have a question, speak to me about it. If you want to harass the bill, then speak to somebody else. But you've got a bill. I don't know how many times, ladies and gentlemen, during the course of the debate on LB 761, I was tempted to say take the amendments, pass the bill, take all the trash that somebody piles on it. If you want to listen to the senators who have those amendments, fine. Turn them loose with it. Let them live