

to the General Fund appropriation. Currently, those two tracks proceed appropriately. There is a General Fund appropriation; we create the authority to bond. In the future, we may not want to use the General Fund appropriation and if we have the bonding mechanism we can continue to meet our obligations. On the other hand, if we want to match the maximum amount of federal monies we may not only continue our appropriations through General Fund, we may add to it the money from this bonding source, in which case we'll be able to get the maximum amount of federal monies available to us. Either result to me is satisfactory. In one sense, we relieve pressure on the General fund, or, in the alternative and preferable to my mind's eye, we do more. We create a bigger revolving fund and we are able to do more work for cities by building wastewater treatment facilities at a faster rate. Either of those, however, I think, represent a substantial public policy gain. That's the virtue of LB 311.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, sooner or later everything that begins with a mandate from the federal government evolves into a situation where, first, the state and then eventually the local government and finally the taxpayer picks it up. One of my deepest concerns about the entire aspect of the environmental movement is that so long as the federal government had some kind of responsibility for payment they were more reasonable in their requirements of the local entities. The less in financial involvement they have, the more strict they become with their requirements. I have a question for Senator Landis because a question has been asked of me several times by local communities relative to the use of these funds. They said, we really do not need at this time funds for the development of wastewater treatment; is there any possibility that the Legislature will ever consider the availability of the funds from this program in the pursuit of the development of a solid waste site? And...

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, would you respond.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...so, Senator, can you respond to that, please?

SENATOR LANDIS: Please restate the question again in a succinct manner and I'll do my best.