

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...spending near what Pennsylvania is on a per capita basis. But we're getting down to a good solid basis for a start. We're getting down to a plan. You need to decide now, is the money enough and is the...should we let the DEC contract or shall we give some legislative business, county oversight on this plan? And then whatever you vote for now, this is a priority. You've got to ride it out, go through the whole process right to the last day of the Legislature supporting it. It is very important and we're deciding right now how we want to do it and in your vote, vote for up or down and then continue to support that money amount and that planning action. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Pirsch, please, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: No, on the original amendment.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Okay, Senator Rod Johnson, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I rise to oppose the amendment as Senator Moore has already commented. I guess the question of philosophy behind my opposition to this is do we want to again govern by committee? And, you know, we have an Environmental Control Council that is designed to do the things that this other committee will do and I just don't see the need for an additional layer of supervisors or overseers of this program. You know, that's what we have got the Environmental Control Council there to do, is to...and they are supposed to be a cross-section of people from a variety of backgrounds and interests. And having now another committee that will oversee this plan that will then make the plan recommendations to the Environmental Control Council, which will then make their recommendations to the director, just seems to be...to be so much layer of bureaucracy that it seems just unnecessary to add any more of this to the bill. Senator Schimek, if you're watching, I apologize that I can't support your original concept but I just have a philosophical difficulty or a philosophical difference with going in this direction with this particular issue. Another point I would like to make, it was brought up to me that the way the Moore amendment is currently written is that adding another 500,000 to the 500,000 already in my amendment.