SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, if, indeed, you had to have concurrence of the responsible party, the third party, the Attorney General and the department, then possibly that might be acceptable, Senator.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. I think I'll vote against your amendment to strike completely and perhaps bring up that later then. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Rod Johnson, do you...did you wish to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, just to clarify, this whole section of the bill was not just for expediency but actually to allow the department and the Attorney General to be involved in any settlements, as Senator Morrissey said, in respect to protection of the fund. I have no problem, I have talked with the marketers, they have no problem with taking this section out of the bill. So I will support the Morrissey amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Landis, do you wish to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes. Senator Morrissey, I'd like to know if I understand correctly your perspective here, because I think there is a good reason to take Section 18 out, but I hope it is not meant then to leave us without the ability to settle and compromise claims.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR LANDIS: What I...let me phrase my question so that I know what this is. When I look at this language, it looks to me that the department can settle the claim, we're saying that the department can settle the claim with the concurrence of the responsible party and the Attorney General, but we make no reference to the third party. so that the third party's concurrence is not required by that language. And, if that's the basis for your objection, I support that and would be happy to withdraw Section 18. When I draw that out, unfortunately, I hope I'm also not then saying that the department, the Attorney