

this analysis, the EPA concludes that overall spending for environmental bills will increase; EPA expenditures will decline. State costs will...are projected to grow. Local share of spending will increase. Local demands for capital could double over the years from 1981 to the year 2000. Household costs may increase dramatically. Their conclusion was that funding support from the Environmental Protection Agency, although significant in some areas, is no longer available to fully meet the needs of all environmental protection programs. The Environmental Protection Agency notes, in that preliminary analysis, that the costs...that the growing costs of environmental protection require a reexamination of how the nation finances and pays for such investments. The difference between current and future needs in current spending clearly call for more innovative approaches, especially at the local level. The National Governors Association also commented that they made similar observations. The cost of implementing pollution control programs continues to rise at its current pace. Governments will undoubtedly be unable to fund all environmental protection activities. We are asking the department and the department concluded and supported the bill that they have a better accounting of their budget. We are asking no more of the department than we ask of other agencies that contain a lot of federal funding. For us to make our priorities in the future, as federal mandates increase and federal funding decreases, our own state programs increase, for us to make our priorities of what programs we want to support and should support and how much money that will take, my bill is asking for a better, more clear accounting procedure from the Department of Environmental Control. If you notice, Senator Moore is on the bill, Senator Johnson is on the bill and, again, the Department of Environmental Control testified in favor of the bill. That's all we're asking, nothing more than other federal...or other state agencies with a lot of federal funds have, simply good accounting, good reporting, so we in the state can prioritize where the money should go in the future. I would urge your support of LB 528. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss the advancement of LB 528? Seeing no one, Senator Morrissey, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 528. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 528. Have you all voted? We're voting on the advancement of LB 528. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?