

amendment would ask that the Johnson-Brock School Board be paid their proper amount, per the proper law that Senator Schmit and the Natural Resources Committee brought and got passed that year. And the money would come out of the...out of Fund Number 4840, the Low-Level Active Waste Fund that is collected from surcharges through the federal government. I'd ask you to adopt this amendment. It should have been awarded by the Claims Board, as far as I'm concerned. It's fairly obvious, it's real obvious that they violated the law, they distributed the funds against law, and then had many opportunities and were aware that the law had changed because, in fact, in Nuckolls County they distributed the funds per the proper law, LB 761. I'd urge your support of this amendment. And, if you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. The first speaker on this amendment is Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Not on the amendment, on the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: The next speaker is Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Morrissey's amendment to the bill was the object of rather extensive hearing amount of time, and quite a lot of discussion in Exec Session of the Business and Labor Committee. As a result of some of my questions I received a letter from the Director of the Department of Environmental Control detailing some of their actions with regard to how the money in the Community Improvements Cash Fund was decided to be distributed. And I would like to read, for the record, several of the...some...some quotes from this particular letter from Mr. Dennis Grams. The original application deadline for the grants from the Community Improvement Cash Fund was, as Senator Morrissey indicated, January 1, 1989. All of the requests were received after that time. The direction was to receive from funds belonging to the state, belonging to the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, as compensation paid to the host state for the Community Improvements Cash Fund. Three hundred thousand dollars per year shall be distributed from the fund to the host community for public purpose. The department did this, it's their method of distribution that is at question here this morning. On May 8th, without solicitation