

money-moving facility. That's what we do. We take money from the generators and we move it through to US Ecology. So if, indeed, that is your main function, you would think the directors and members of that commission's main function would be to review that money, that large sum of money that's moving through that commission. It was not done. US Ecology, the money was destined for them, they are now saying, let's move on, that's just one bad apple; if the allegations prove to be true, that's just one bad apple, that doesn't spoil the whole barrel. But it was their duty and they had the ability and the access to review all of these records and should have questioned where some of this money was. It was destined for them. We, as a Legislature, had the duty to question, why aren't these audits here? Why haven't we seen these reports? Why are you not doing what is called to do by law? How could this happen? How could all these people in charge of oversight not do it? And now the same people that failed in that duty, to provide the oversight to protect the citizens of this state, are now saying, no big deal, let's just keep going. It happened because nobody listened, nobody listened to the citizens of this state. They were the only ones asking the tough questions. They were the only ones that came in and asked you to hold on, review this process, there's some bad things going on here. And almost everything they have said for three years has turned out to be true. And, as we continue into this process and we get a few hundred years down the road, if we don't stop and review and take a close look at this process, I think things will continue to tell that these hay shakers, these farmers, these misinformed people out in the country, these malcontents were the only ones asking the questions, the only ones really doing the research, actually reading the documentation involved in this issue.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And now we have before us a bill, LB 827, that wants to restrict those people's ability; it wants to take these monitoring committees and restrict their ability to monitor the process. And I think, as we discuss this today, I would hope you would sit back and reflect on who asked the tough questions, who has been right, who has done the home work and who has not, who has told you everything is okay, don't worry and who has said you need to ask some questions. I think you will find the answer is the citizens of this state that have come here and learned about this process and do not support, if you check your bill book, not a one of them supports LB 827.