

with a vengeance and try to intimidate, coerce, bully, brow beat the legislator who calls for accountability, and as a result nothing happens. We have seen it all too often. I'm going to talk about it more later on today but I think it's important that right now with this \$34,000 we start here with say, so someone made a mistake, why should that school district suffer? Don't want all the legal arguments. I don't want all that nonsense. All I want is what's ordinary common sense and what is fair and what is equitable. Many of us know that the things that have happened here with the compact could not have happened had the people in charge done their job. Why didn't they do their job? Because they knew this Legislature had no ability to oversee those events. I'm going to write a letter to Mr. Breslow. I'm going to ask him firstly if he will examine every single entity that I have a hand in creating on this floor beginning with the Ombudsman's Office back in 1969, the DEC in 1971, and many others thereafter. I feel very, very responsible for having brought those entities into being and I'm going to see to it that someone other than the people such as the fox who is in the chicken house is involved. I think it's deplorable that this Legislature today says, well it's not our responsibility. If it isn't ours, whose is it? If we don't do it starting now, when will we start?

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Unless we have continued revelations day after day, whether they be the \$18,000 with ENCOR or some lady sending in a check for 18 grand because she apparently had a change of heart about how she took care of money for two elderly gentlemen, or whether it is 18 million for some entity or is it \$100 million for Commonwealth? Where do we start? We make a big fuss about Frank Marsh and his phone calls. We make a big fuss about \$146 in Allen Beermann's account over in the Secretary of State's Office, but when it gets to a public employee who is robbing the till, we look the other way because it's not our responsibility. Ladies and gentlemen, it is our responsibility and we have to begin to appropriate the money on this floor to cover up state employees' mistakes, then we're going to start taking a more serious interest in it. I support the Morrissey amendment and I hope that you will also support it. I think it's the right thing to do. I think it's overdue and I think more than anything it indicates that this Legislature is going to...