

with you on something here. Senator Morrissey asked me about some of the problems that the Appropriations Committee has had with the Department of Environmental Control. Basically, the issue I was talking about was a \$600,000 issue with wastewater treatment grants that we were led to understand, to believe, that unless we appropriated \$600,000, communities across the state, which had been promised funds, if we didn't appropriate the money, those funds, obviously, would not materialize either on the General Fund side or the federal fund side, and you would have communities in this state that had been promised and they were either completely constructed, or under construction, or in the planning stages, we were going to pull the rug out from under them, and that was the way we were led to believe that as a committee. It was very frustrating because it came in at a very late date. It was, basically, that Environmental Control just assumed that we wanted to maximize these funds and spend 600,000 in General Funds to maximize the federal funds, and that is an assumption I just think is not a correct one to make, and make promises on it until we get the permission, plus the fact that it was an unbelievably late date this sort of thing came forward, compounded by the fact that the department, though I went back and read the transcripts, it was mentioned in their hearing, and I guess I would have to apologize for not catching it. Usually when it's a \$600,000 issue, most agencies try and make us aware of why it is needed at such a late date and it is a deficit request what they asked for. Now since, it is my understanding that since you asked me the question, the department is saying, no, those funds are not committed. Well, if they are not committed, then we probably don't need to appropriate them, as far as I am concerned, and so I...but I guess all this goes to show is that if you are asking me if I think there is a problem with the management of the Department of Environmental Control, I think by the day I am becoming more convinced there is. So the answer to your question is yes. Senator Morrissey, if you need any more of my time, you can respond to that.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Moore, for...I do consider there to be a leadership problem over there. I do consider there to be a problem in many areas. I have been working closely with them, trying to work with them for three years, and we have discovered these problems. We had a meeting with them early this year with the Governor's Office trying to get them...let's get a new administration here, folks, let's get everything on the table, you have got some funding problems,