

AM1333 in front of me. (Morrissey amendment, AM1333, appears on page 1890 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker...Madam Speaker, Madam President, members. Quickly, to review the three votes we've taken. The first vote was to make community consent, or make sociocultural studies be done. US Ecology didn't do them, required to do them, didn't do an adequate one. The vote was for US Ecology, against the citizens. The second one was to do the minimum, what we needed to do on monitoring committees. That lost, that's what the citizens wanted, not what US Ecology wanted. Again, US Ecology won. Number three, the one we just did, the intent was, as we discussed it by the committee, to help limit importation. But, as we found out later, as I discussed, it also helped, very much so, US Ecology and potentially put the citizens of this state at risk. US Ecology won, they are three out of three. I know this...people have told me don't say that kind of stuff, but it's...I'm being honest. I just want you to realize how you're voting. It's very frustrating when the majority of the body continues to vote for a corporation and against the citizens. So, okay, this amendment is simple and it's for the citizens, it will require the monitoring committees to meet quarterly. I think it was inadvertently struck from the bill before. We want them to have quarterly site reviews. It would also allow for site...the bill, as it stands, allows for site reviews. This would make it quarterly, and the monitoring committee would meet at least quarterly, something that needs to be done. The Boyd committee did not meet, they just refused to meet. If we're going to do it, we need to make them meet quarterly, at minimum, I feel. Senator Johnson mentioned that this was the amendment he could support, the other day. And it also reinserts the requirement that states the committee would have to file a quarterly report of their expenditures. Makes them meet quarterly, makes them file reports, makes them review, makes them be accountable for the money. I don't want to belabor the point, because my intention is not to drag out this bill. My intention is to wake some of you up. Thank you. I would urge you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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