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are shipping this waste. The fees are to be used for the covering the costs of inspections, escort, security planning, and maintenance, coordination of emergency response capability, education and training, and the purchase of necessary equipment, and the administrative cost attributed to the state of (sic) agencies which are incurred as related to the shipping of high-level radioactive waste across this state. It requires an annual meeting to determine whether changes are needed in the fees and the allocation of the fees. It allows the department to establish rules and regulations. The act does not apply to high-level radioactive waste or transuranic waste shipped by or for the United States government for military or national security or national defense purposes. It does contain the emergency clause. As you know, the Natural Resources Committee has heard this bill twice. It died for lack of time last year. I think Senator Landis has brought us a good bill. There is expense when waste is shipped across the states. They are shipped in rather large cask and they could be shipped either by rail or by truck, and I'm not sure which one we would anticipate the most traffic on. We don't know that yet. So with that, I would ask your consideration on this amendment. If I have any time left, I would turn it over to Senator Landis.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I rise to endorse this amendment. It is exactly as Senator Schrock described it. It's meant to be a cost recovery mechanism for expenses that local subdivisions and state agencies will incur in accompanying some of these or inspecting for these or training personnel who could respond in the event we needed EMTs, medical personnel to assist if there ever was some kind of catastrophe involved in the shipment of nuclear waste. It's meant to be a recovery of actual costs, although we set that for the first 18 months at \$2,000, and then it can be changed over time. There is an Emergency Response Cash Fund that's created. The fund does have some folks helping in the carrying out of that, including the Roads Department, the State Patrol, HHS, the Adjutant General of the Emergency Management Agency, and the executive director of the Public Service Commission. I want to thank the Natural Resources Committee for