

you wish to address this amendment?

SENATOR PIRSCH: I...I...yes, I have a question for Senator Morrissey.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey, will you respond?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: You are eliminating completely Section 18 which speaks to a third-party claim. Your intention then is to not replace it with any other provision, but to just let the natural claims be brought forward into the courts?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Was this...Are you on that committee?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Was this brought forward for some kind of a expediency for the...for the claims? Was that what it was supported to be?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I'm not exactly sure, that's what I took it as. I don't know if that was ever explained clearly. But I took it to be that, and thought it was good. And Senator Schmit raised the same questions I am now raising, and I read it and I didn't agree with him at that time. After I reread it, I saw what point he was trying to make. But I have made no attempt, just to strike Section 18, no attempt to do anything else.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, so that means a third party involved would be settled by the responsible party and the Attorney General. But you don't feel that that would be a sufficient or might be prejudicial against the third party?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The way it's presently written if you inserted a third party in there I guess maybe that might possibly alleviate the situation also. Then you've got a...

SENATOR PIRSCH: There maybe should be some process where you could reach that settlement or compromise, if you included the third party, if agreed to by the third party, or some kind of language like that.