

were put out as inducements for these folks because they realize that the benefits were spread out over five states and the negative aspects were focused on the three communities and then finally one community that may end up being the host site of the facility. We voted after this, after my motion, we voted to approve one unanimously. That's what the state Tort Claims Act is all about. That's why we consider them in business and labor. Simply because at times the state wrongs some people and at this time, at this point in time it was very clear by the law that the Department of Environmental Control dropped the ball on this issue, should have paid per existing law, but did, indeed, pay per old law. I simply ask you to consider your no vote, those of you that voted no, and some of you talked to me if indeed we'd make these folks pay back what they got overpaid then they could support it. But I can't support that right now because the department messed up because of lack of oversight. Now more than ever we need to send a message that we need oversight, you need to pay attention to our laws, you need accountability in the state, deserves accountability. I'd ask those of you that didn't vote to read my handout. We're voting on whether we want state agencies to follow law as they exist or not. We're voting on accountability. We're voting on telling these folks we want you to pay attention, please pay attention to the laws that are passed in this body. They are passed for a reason. Those of you that voted no I'd ask you to consider the statement we're sending. We're not setting a bad precedent at all. We're setting a good precedent. We're asking you folks to pay attention. We're telling the citizens we're going to insist on accountability. We won't let a state agency get by by not being accountable, by simply coming forward with a weak, flimsy excuse that absolutely holds no water. There is no justification for this, absolutely none. I'd ask you to reconsider your vote on this. It's correct, it's by the law as it should be, that's what we're here for to protect the citizens. We're here to insist on accountability and in this day and age this body more than ever needs to make the statement that we do insist on accountability. I'd urge you to vote for reconsideration and again, I don't want to take a lot of time. Just think it over one more time, allow us to reconsider, quickly listen, think about the arguments one more time and take one more vote on it. Thank you. I'd urge you to support Senator Lindsay's motion.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Morrissey. The next speaker is Senator Schmit.