

in this whole process. They all benefit from something that focuses the negative benefits on the people of three counties and that's why I think everybody should share in this liability.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator, I don't disagree with you at all. My concern is that the ratepayers are being asked in all five states to pay for, for lack of a better word, the poor performance of somebody in DEC for not doing a better job there, but obviously this is not, for me it's not a big issue. I've had several senators ask me how I feel about it and I guess I'm willing to live with whatever the body chooses to do with this particular issue. I would argue though that if there was overpayment to these other districts that it should be repaid, but I realize getting the money out of them is going to be difficult but that's part of my problem with this whole amendment is that we're saying, yeah, golly, you know some people got more than they should of but we're not going to really ask them for the money back. We're just going to ask to tap the fund for a little bit more money and I guess if we're going to tap the fund for more money, then somebody ought to be willing to pay back the money they shouldn't have got to start with or at least if they got money they shouldn't have got, or give back the money they were overpaid, that would be my philosophy on this issue.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mmm, hmm. Okay.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Anyone else wishing to address the motion to reconsider? Seeing no one, Senator Lindsay, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now proceed on the motion to reconsider the amendment by Senator Morrissey. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the motion to reconsider. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 13 nays on the motion to reconsider, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion passes. We will reconsider the amendment by Senator Morrissey. Anyone wishing to address the amendment? Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, quickly again to clarify why I feel that this is the right place for