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SENATOR SCHMIT: Would you continue reading?

PRESIDENT: This is outside the question of whether to lay it over and that type of debate and argument is out of order, Senator. Your debate should confine itself as to whether to lay this bill over.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: What do you want me to do?

PRESIDENT: Argue the matter as to whether the bill should be laid over?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Do you have an argument for me to present?

PRESIDENT: I do not.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: One that is acceptable to you?

PRESIDENT: I do not.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: There is no rule, Mr. Chairman, in the Legislature regarding relevancy and I don't think...

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, I have asked you twice to confine your argument to the matter of laying the bill over.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The Chair has no power to confine my argument to anything. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: You can simply, I suppose, refuse to answer the question.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, I would not refuse to answer. I have explained it to you. I will explain it to you again. If you would have taken the time prior to today to read the amendment, since you choose not to take my word for it and you choose not to read it, I don't know what else I can do but the amendment, the first part of the amendment refers to the part you have just explained, the fact that he cannot be interested in a contract in excess of \$5,000 but the balance of the amendment refers to the fact that those projects that are of the nature in which the Natural Resource District is interested, specifically, soil conservation projects which may be caused to be constructed on the farm of the Natural Resource District Director may exceed that amount.

PRESIDENT: You have two minutes, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And that amount is not limited. It is based upon the necessity for completion of those projects. It is very obvious that a Director may be one of many individuals whose farm would lie in the path of such a project, and for him not to be allowed to participate could block the entire operation. I would explain to you that the Papio project cannot be completed, I am sure,