

that is a classic case of where a state, namely Wyoming, made decisions about water with Nebraska years, and years, and years ago, over 20 in some cases, and in some cases maybe you could even say 70 years ago. Now that is coming back to a dispute that is apparently going to lead us into the U.S. Supreme Court. This is every bit, I think, as important and technical and complicated an issue. It has economic, and social, and political ramifications, as Senator Schmit has pointed out, not just for today but perhaps for the next 100 years in Nebraska. It deserves some very careful thought. It deserves your study and your questioning about what it is, exactly, that you want to know when this study is all finished, and who do you want to provide those answers for you. So I would encourage you to work with those of us who have already indicated an interest, particularly if you are anywhere along the North Platte River, or anywhere in the Sandhills, or any place where you have vast deposits of groundwater you should be paying a lot of attention to this issue and asking those questions now because it will simply be too late to ask them, in fact, you may not even be alive when it finally matters. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? The points made by Senators Schmit, Johnson and Scofield are well taken. The Chair would agree. Without objection, LB 146 will be laid over. The same being true, of course, for 146A. Mr. Clerk, anything for the order?

CLERK: I have nothing at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceeding then to General File with the first bill, LB 491A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 491A was a bill introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill, as is the custom, Mr. President, was referred directly to General File. I have no amendments at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, 491 is, as you will recall, a rewrite of some personnel rules, and in there is a provision for a temporary employee pool to be managed by the Personnel Department. This A bill reads \$200,000. But let me tell you none of that is new money. What it is is moving money from one pocket to another pocket. Currently when a department wants to use a temporary employee,