

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Schmit, I think that one of the recognized authorities at the College of Law for one would be Professor Harnsberger. I would think that Norm Thorson, I believe, if my memory serves me correctly, helped him co-author the book that is well respected in this country on water law. However, the issue we're looking at here is constitutional and the law college also has experts on constitutional issues and that's why we need not only to give this to the College of Law, but in fact give them enough money so they can draw on the diverse areas of expertise necessary.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Scofield, the College of Law, I don't know how they did this year in the Budget Committee, but it would appear to me that the University of Nebraska might well become the new sinking gardens of the City of Lincoln pretty soon based upon the allocations of funds they are getting. If they don't have the funds over there to provide this kind of an activity with all of the action and all the interest that has been voiced in this respect, then I don't know what they are researching. They ought to be doing some of those things with the money they get in the normal course of their appropriations. You don't need the money, you don't need the bill. Ladies and gentlemen, the work has been done, there will be more work done, but the College of Law, if they wanted to enhance their image, could take some of the money they have and the expertise they have and do some work on this, do some work on this without the bill. They don't need the bill. If you want to take the bill, spend the money, and be a... I guess I have no way to stop you, but it's unnecessary, unneeded and there isn't any reason for it except to salve the feelings of a few people. If it's worth that for 25,000, ladies and gentlemen, there are many places on this floor you can spend 25 grand.

PRESIDENT: Time. Senator Schellpeper is next, but may I introduce some guests in the north balcony of Senator Nelson. There are 62 fourth graders from Newell School in Grand Island and their teachers. Would you folks all please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature, teachers and students both. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'll call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands?