

I would relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. I appreciate Senator Johnson's remarks and I can't help but remark just a little bit in response to my good friend and senior colleague, Senator Warner, when he made his rather pointed reference to my speeches on cutting down the cost of state government. It's kind of interesting, Senator Warner, that yesterday, of course, all my Appropriation Committee friends were in favor of spending 3.4. I just suggested to Senator Lowell Johnson that the least we can do, since we're asking here for about the equivalent of one-quarter of the Water Master's annual income, that we buy a shotgun for Mike Jess and a 30-caliber rifle for his attorney. When they're driving out to Deer Creek, Wyoming to check that operation, they might shoot a few coyotes along the way. That will probably be about as much good as we get out of that whole 3.4. But I do want to say this, that it's easy to pass over these things and I don't know if it's worthwhile or not but I know that it's awfully easy to take this sort of thing out of the budget and it's tough to take some other things out. And it's tough to cut other programs no matter how much money they are and how lacking in merit they are. And so I just want to say that I support the amendment and hope that it passes.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the amendment by Senator Rod Johnson. We will now vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the amendment by Senator Rod Johnson. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Rod Johnson. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2402-03 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 15 nays on the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Withem and Warner would move to amend. Senator, this is AM1699... "Nothing in this section shall be construed as constituting...".

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.