

lands. I think we want to continue that. I think the Appropriations Committee and the Natural Resources Commission both with representation from across the State of Nebraska will continue to monitor these programs very carefully and hopefully that these funds will be expended wisely. So I do not see nearly as much concern about the use of these funds as perhaps other members of this body may see. But again I think it is important that we give this project time to work. If it is indeed proven that this is not working well, we can repeal it but we don't even know that yet. We do know one thing. We do know one thing. We know that the federal government is directing more of its money into water planning and considerably less into water structures, into dams and reservoirs and so that responsibility is going to fall more to the state. I am not sure of the exact figures but the general policy in the Carter administration is less for facilities and more for planning and so the states are going to have to do more to provide for the facilities if we are going to have them and so I think that is a decision we need to make. I, for one, believe we do need a mechanism in the State of Nebraska where state funds can be used for water projects on private lands as well as on public lands. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, time for a bit of a story. About three years ago when I was really spending way too much time down here in the Legislature, which I still am, about January, I got concerned about a couple of my businesses that weren't being properly taken care of, still aren't, but anyway a bright young lawyer came in and said, look, I just graduated from law school and I got all the learning in the world. He says, if you will hire me, I can go out and do the footwork for you. I can make sure that the employers are being honest, I can do this and that. I said, well, that sounds like pretty good to me. I says, we will offer you this much salary and he said, well, that is fine except that I am going to need some funds, you know, and some access to funds as I go along. I said, well, that is no problem and I gave him an Amoco credit card and I says here is a check book, a checking account, in case they don't want to take a credit card, you have to do something and I says and here is a letter and I gave him a letter authorizing him to charge to my account if he needed anything and I came in here to the Legislature and worried about litter bills and malpractice and things like that. About six months later, I started getting some big bills