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thought she ought to keep him and she did. Now the son of a gun is as big as a shetland pony, mean as a tiger and we have got him out in the backyard and no one wants him. I don't know what we are going to do with him and no one can get a handle on him. If you take him out to walk him, he drags you around like you are a fly on the end of a fly swatter and I am telling you something. There is no way we are going to control that St. Bernard dog at this point in time and that is exactly what happens to government programs and we all know it and all of my good friends who are standing up here today saying give it time, I will guarantee you that if you give me a half a million dollars, inside of a year's time, I can so ingratiate myself with the taxpayers, individual vocal taxpayers, individual ones, that there is no way in this world that you will ever change it because why? Because a 1,500,000 of you won't know what is going on and I challenge you to acknowledge publicly how many of you even knew there were three separate funds until I called it to your attention and I will bet you I can dig three more out if I dig a little bit. Now if you really want water conservation, and I want to tell you this, the passage of LB 359 will have no more limiting effect upon water conservation in Nebraska than trimming your fingernails will have upon your ability to feed yourself, none whatsoever. You say you can't use Natural Resource Districts funds or development funds for reuse pits? I have got a reuse pit on my farm as a result of a cooperative action with the local Natural Resource District. I have got a dam on my farm, several of them, as a result of cooperation with ASCS. The development fund is for big projects but the Natural Resource Districts may cooperate with individual landowners and have done so many times in my county. The Lower Platte North again has built a number of roadside structures in cooperation with county government, Senator Kahle, and saved the county a lot of money and the county likes it and, of course, the people out there that you talk to are going to like it. The two fellows who got the reuse pits like it. The two more who are going to get it like it. Ask the fifteen hundred who didn't get one if they like the money to be spent on four farms. I imagine the man up in the Lower Elkhorn likes the project also. They got the \$12,000 spent on his farm. I surely would. That is only natural. Ask the other three or four thousand residents of the Lower Elkhorn if they would like to have \$12,000 spent on their farm. I guarantee you I would. It is only human nature. As Senator DeCamp said, one of the biggest fights we have in this body are deficiency appropriations and Senator Dworak is going wax eloquence one of