

these days when the Welfare Department comes in here and wants a deficiency appropriation because they overspent some money for some people. Whether he admits it or not, this requires a deficiency appropriation on the part of one subdivision or another. Either this Legislature is going to belly up and give us another six million dollars to complete these projects or the Lower Platte North and the Elkhorn and all the rest of them are going to have to come up with deficiency money. The money has been approved. It has been approved. The projects have been started. They have been started. Now are you going to stop in the middle of construction of the dam? Are you going to dig half a waterway? Are you going to dig half a canal? No, you are not. The town of Fremont is not going to be protected by one half a project. Now so we say next year we will put in another six million bucks and we will cover this. If the Governor comes in with a six million dollar recommendation next year, do you really think for a minute that the requests are not going to be coming in at the ratio of three to one again. Of course they will. All I am saying is this,....

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...spend whatever amount of money you want to spend, allocate whatever you want to allocate, but allocate it in the one area where you can keep a finger on it and know what is going on. I call your attention to the committee statement. The Natural Resource Districts did not oppose this bill in committee. Now they have been doing some lobbying against the bill in the last few days. Why? Because I challenged them on LB 26. You know one of the Natural Resource District Directors and one of the Commission members told me in the last few days, Schmit, you have done more to coordinate the activities of the Natural Resource Districts in the last two weeks than anyone has in six years. The only thing they have done is to agree to get rid of Schmit and they probably will and it may not be any great loss but the point I want to make is this that when one of you fellows decide to limit some other subdivision of government or to limit some other expenditure of public funds and the public employees decide to go after you, you are going to be on the outside looking out instead of inside voting. You had better vote now while you have got a chance to control that St. Bernard pup because when he gets to be as big as that saddle horse, you are not going to control him. Thank you very much. And I