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that I would support it. I am a strong believer in the one-man one-vote principle. I do, however, oppose the principles of government by pressure. I know something about pressure. I've been subjected to it and all of you have. Let me point out several instances. Present elected officials serving in Washington over the years promised to support two water conservation projects here in the state of Nebraska, the North Loup and the Norden Dam. Now there are good arguments on both sides of the issue and I do not intend to debate it at this time, but the point I want to make is this, that when those persons get to Washington, the pressure is so great, it is so concentrated, their ability to lobby is so well determined that sometimes the rest of us perhaps are not as well represented as we would like. I do not blame the elected officials. It is perhaps our own fault that we do not present our arguments as explicitly and as forcefully and as well documented as do the individuals on the other side of the issue. But the plain facts of the matter are these. There are some of us who yes, earn our living with water, but none of us have ever denied that the domestic uses of water come first.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: None of us have ever tried to stop another individual from exercising that constitutional right. I suggest that what you will have with the passage of LB 595 is a pressure group of the highest order and one which does not represent all of the people of the state of Nebraska. I have many fine friends among the environmentalists, and they are sincere and they are also determined, and they would shut down my irrigation well and they would stop that development and deny that individual the job who produces that equipment. So before you cast an affirmative vote for LB 595, I ask you to suggest...to consider seriously if that is what you really want because it will come back to haunt you at some time in the future, and there will be those who will then ask you why, and you will be indefensible. I ask you to vote against the advancement of LB 595 and I do so sincerely.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak and then Senator Fowler, and Senator Warner and Senator Kremer. Senator Dworak, do you wish to speak on the...we're speaking on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I strongly urge we advance this appropriations bill so that we can