

that there be no federal funds. I can just see what Congresswoman Smith will say when they ask her, what about this deal? If we. . . . Nebraska is not obligated to spend any money until we put it out. We as a federal government will not encourage, will not encourage, nor should they, as they have done in the past much to our chagrin new projects. The states must take the responsibility and show the leadership. If Nebraska chooses to do so, then the federal government has a responsibility to make a decision. If that decision is against us, at this point and time, those of us who have signed the bill have said the issue is dead. If the decision is favorable then we will proceed. I believe that we have outlined as carefully as we can the project for the discussion of this body. I am, I guess, disappointed that we would try to play on words by trying to treat a discussion between the meaning of the words "appropriate" and "obligate". Appropriation is an obligation.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT:it is there. We recognize it. It can be spent but it will not be spent unless the federal government comes through. I hope that this issue does not have to be rethashed every few minutes this morning. I think the issue is clear. I think the decision needs to be made. I think that most of us have made up our minds. I don't think that if we bought all of the Beutler amendments, and I believe that there are four in number, if we bought the Vickers amendment, which we can't buy. If we bought anything else that you can hang on the tree that it would change Senator Beutler or Senator Vickers mind. That is their prerogative to vote as they see fit. But I do not think that it is right to try to cut the bill into chunks whereby it is not acceptable to anyone.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, your light is on. Do you wish to speak?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The debate is ceased. Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to close on his amendment.