

benefit, as an additional benefit but when it comes to the principal benefit I think we should review it. There will never be enough dollars to control all of the soil and water erosion that we need to control in this state. Are we going to go to the taxpayers of this state and ask for 10 million dollars for the water development fund and say that we need more than 7½ million dollars of those funds to be used for recreational purposes? I don't think so. I wouldn't have the nerve. I don't think anyone else does. When I ask for money for water development funds I think it ought to be used for water conservation, water impoundments, land treatments, minimum tillage, terraces, retention dams, all of those structures. All of those structures are very productive and very effective in soil and water conservation. By the time you lock water behind a dam, ladies and gentlemen, it has already moved from its point of impact upon the soil. I know that there are people here today who see no harm in the NRDs. Soil and water conservation is a sacred cow but let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, when it comes budget time on this floor that sacred cow is going to be as dry as a fourteen year old cow who hasn't had a calf in five years because you are not going to get any milk from that cow and so what are you going to do? Where are you going to get the money for those projects? You are not going to get any. Are you going to let that money be used to provide, as Senator Beutler said, recreation? Or are you going to go up in those hills, in those sandhills and in those other areas and do the good conservation work that many of our people...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...are capable of doing? I think I have talked too long already, Senator, thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: I don't know who wanted to talk on the amendments. These are on the Schmit amendments. I am going to call the names and see if you want to talk on them. Senator Koch, do you want to talk on the Schmit amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I would advise Senator Schmit and others that I do not favor the intent of LB 243. When we start reaching into the grab bag for magic numbers, his amendment as I recall was anything less than 500 acres. Is that correct, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'm sorry, Senator.

SENATOR KOCH: Your last amendment, was that 500 acres or less?