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SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion on the Schmit amendment? Senator Chronister, did you want to talk on the Schmit amendment?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in support of the Schmit amendment. I like our NRDs. They are doing a very commendable job but I think that we have to direct our energies and our dollars to the conservation of soil and let that be our primary purpose. And, Mr. President, if I have any more time, I would yield it to Senator Schmit if he so desires.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit is going to close. Senator Schmit, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Sieck a question.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Sieck, what is the name of the individual to whom you referred?

SENATOR SIECK: Okay, Mr. Floyd Hudkins and the primary owner of the land where the reservoir was on was Howerter.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And will you explain to me the provisions whereby he was allowed or given money to drill a well and did he or did he not move the livestock from his pasture because of the lack of water?

SENATOR SIECK: He very likely did but all (interruption).

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then the NRD turned the water off?

SENATOR SIECK: No, they did not. The water was not turned off. It was just allowed a trickle to go through but, basically, all that would have needed to have been done was Mr. Hudkins should have agreed to the project and he did not agree with Mr. Howerter to release water at a certain level. What happened is Mr. Hudkins released more water than was really needed so they shut it down to a trickle sized stream.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Who decided it was more water than what Mr. Hudkins needed? Whose decision was that?

SENATOR SIECK: To shut the water down? This was (interruption).