

following that law in good faith, then it doesn't make much sense to go back and tell them, "Too bad you were following the law in good faith. You are going to waste these hundreds of thousands anyway". They acted in good faith in the past. They took their action as they saw action was reasonable, and if they have expended money on a project, I think they should be allowed to proceed and that we should not just automatically pass legislation which effectively wastes tens of thousands, and in a couple of cases hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been spent on designing projects and feasibility studies and that is the sum and substance of my amendment which I hope Senator Haberman can accept....which Senator Haberman does accept. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck, do you want to speak on the Beutler amendment or the Haberman amendment? Senator Wesely. Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak on the Beutler amendment? Okay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Mike not turned on.) for the same reasons that I gave in opposition to the Haberman amendment. I want to point out again that the public is not going to be denied the use of the Oliver Lake Project. The Singletons have owned the land adjacent to this lake for almost forty years, I believe. During the time that it was used as an irrigation lake, of course, during the summer time the capacity of the lake was diminished for irrigation purposes and so, of course, it is also during the summer time that people like to use the lakes for fishing, boating and water skiing and you can't water ski on mud flats so there was never any opportunity to develop it when it was used as an irrigation lake. When the dam became unsafe and it was decided to become...again revert to farmland, the Singletons thought they might develop the property and they attempted to do so. I am not going to go into that lengthy detail but the point is they were not given that opportunity. But at the present time there have been funds expended. There will be no jeopardy to those funds. Those funds are intact. The benefits are there. I believe there is about seven hundred acres, maybe five to seven hundred, I am not sure which, of public land already under control of the Natural Resource Districts. Now remember this, the Game and Parks will have to come in there and administer this. They will have to maintain this. It won't be very long and someone is going to be coming again to the Budget Committee and they will have to have money for this. It is awfully easy for us to give Game and Parks obligations and not give them the money. It is easy to do this. It is a little bit like my family of ten children. They can obligate me far beyond