

that it is only triggered by a single instance in western Nebraska. I have never seen the property. I have never been near it. I didn't know the people when I introduced the bill. I never saw them until the day of the hearing and I don't believe that it is going to make any difference, it will not make any difference to me what happens to them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: When I first served on a watershed board, I said I would never be a party to condemnatory action. I didn't have to be and it worked well and it will work well today and that is the way we ought to proceed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now before we continue, it is my privilege to introduce three separate groups visiting us this afternoon. From Senator Kahle's District, 8 students from Wilcox High School, Wilcox, Nebraska, Ken Meyers, instructor, in the North balcony. Will you hold up your hand so we can see where you are? From Senator Wesely's District, Mr. and Mrs. Don Macke, Sr. and Don Macke, Jr. underneath the North balcony. Where are you folks? There you are. Welcome. And from the outstanding legislative district, the 33rd District, it is my privilege to introduce to you 46 students from Lincoln Elementary School, Hastings, Nebraska; Mrs. Phinney, Mr. Hohm, teachers, and they are in the North balcony and will you hold up your hand so we can see where you are? Welcome. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I just want to make one brief comment with regard to this analogy that is being made between Falstaff and the present situation. I think there are a couple of very important distinctions. One distinction is that the farm people that we are talking about in this instance did not detrimentally rely on what the law was prior to this time and are not caused problems by their reliance upon the law. The law was the law. It was quite clear to everybody. Everybody knew what it was. In the case of Falstaff, they operated under what they thought the law said and the state told them the law was different. So I think there is a distinction to be made there. Secondly, the second most important factor, I think, is that in this case there is another group of people who have relied upon the law and that is all of the taxpayers in the NRDs who told their directors to go ahead and formulate these projects based on what the law said, the law which was quite clear, and they did that, and they entered into feasibility studies and they entered into agreements of one type or another that obligated them to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars. They relied on the law,