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in separate categories, and that is what you are doing under this bill, you are saying that subirrigation has a preferential use over irrigation, and I guess I am a little bit amazed at my urban friends who have pleaded with me and begged and argued for us to understand the problems of the urban areas, are as indifferent as they are in this area. I know that Senator Goodrich is an expert on the Omaha problems, sewage and other such things. I can't understand him being such an expert in the area of sub-irrigated wetlands in the Sandhills. I know that there are those of us who are working on the problem. Senator Cullan says that Senator Kremer is wrong when he says it is too fast or too early. Well, I would suggest that if you check the statutes of Nebraska that Nebraska has more good water law on the books than most states, and Senator Cullan has written some comments rather derisive about some of the... some of my efforts in those areas, but I could go back and refresh his memory a bit about some of the statements that he has made and some of the....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT:accusations that have been made in this body that would be a little bit embarrassing at this time. I could go back to Lake Oliver and I don't want to bring that up. But I just suggest to you that if we are going to adopt 726, ladies and gentlemen, you are opting for the least efficient, most wasteful, less effective, least productive method of irrigation that exists in industry today. And for those of you that are connected to labor, it requires no pivot systems, it requires no engines, it requires no pipes, it requires none of the mechanical means which many of your constituents produce and upon which they rely for their income. And I would suggest that it produces the least amount of return to the state, to the individual, to the nation and the rest of the world. I suggest that you listen to Senator Kremer....

PRESIDENT: Time is up, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT:and that you do not vote to advance LB 726.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I think it is rather unusual that no one is listening to the so-called experts in this field. I shouldn't say so-called, I think they are the experts. These are the people that have the