

fact that the Supreme Court says that water is an article of commerce and, as such, the State of Nebraska has no right to restrict its movements either within or without the state, that discriminates between citizens either within or without the state. Currently we don't have in place any kind of statutory language that restricts that movement. Anybody from outside the state can come in and buy a piece of land, set down a well field and ship that water anywhere in the world they want to. We need to get on with this and not continue all these studies. It's been said that the El Paso case is going to have an impact on this where the City of El Paso is demanding water rights out of New Mexico. Senator Schmit, would you yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator, I will.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Schmit, to your knowledge is the El Paso case going to make any impact on the Sporehase decision?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, I'm not going to prejudge that situation, but I just think that that decision is here, I'm going to live with it, we're going to abide by it. I've encouraged the State of Nebraska to do those things that are within our jurisdiction and ability to try to protect our rights and our water supply and I think we should continue to do that. But I just don't think that in this particular instance, Senator, that we, with this bill, all we do is just dump 25,000 bucks in the College of Law for no good purpose.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I agree with that particular judgment and would support the IPP motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please, followed by Senator Lamb.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, I'm standing in opposition to the motion to indefinitely postpone this bill. We have, of course, in this state the most valuable resource that there is in the United States and that's our water. We take a second place to no one and I think that in order to protect this valuable asset that we need to have all the armor that we can. I think it's necessary for us to put together this study to decide and help make the decisions that we have to make in regard to our water resources. It looks to