

needs the best expertise brought to bear on it as possible. I will give the rest of my time to Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please. You have roughly four minutes.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Scofield. I have not been involved in this study and I can't see that I'm an expert in the area, but I do have a concern about our conservation of the water resources that we do have in Nebraska. It is my understanding that the Sporehase study, or decision, did open the door a crack, but we I think have to proceed very slowly. I think we have to be very cautious about jeopardizing the water supply of Nebraska for future generations. It has reached the point where much of our water in Nebraska is, as we're learning more and more, is in the state of being contaminated or is already contaminated and our aquifer in the Sandhills area is probably about the only pure water, we hope at least at this point, that it is still pure, or is still available to us. We need to protect our water resources. I can't reiterate that enough. We must proceed cautiously. This study will give us more time to look very closely at the issue and I would ask the body to support Senator Scofield's bill, LB 710 and oppose the indefinite postponement motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I really do not know how to address some of the questions that have been raised here relative to this situation, but just let me tell you this. For 20...you're going to dump \$25,000 into the College of Law. Now I don't know that the College of Law can use another 25,000 or not, but they'll take the 25,000. They'll march over to the commission and they'll talk to Jim Cook and Jim Cook will say, here's what we did on this. They'll take it and they'll bring it back and we'll be as happy as a hog in a mudhole on a July day because we got a new study, a new point of view. It's already there. Now if you want to give the law college 25 grand for that, far be it from me to be able to stop the tide. But let's not mislead the people by telling them that for \$25,000 you're going to get a decision that says Sporehase doesn't mean a darned thing. It's not going to happen. Sporehase is very specific. Now it may turn over. Howard said one time we're going to reverse that decision. If you can do so, fine, have at