

it, but let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, the people of this country, the population of this country are going to get water. They are going to get it where it comes from, where the supply is at. And I have told you many times you'd better try to protect that supply and guard it and if it moves, you'd better try to get compensated for it rather than to have it moved for nothing. But 146 did not just consider the positive aspects of transfer of water, they looked at the other side. They looked at all sides and Jim Cook has said many times that the report is there. Read the report. If you have not...Sandy, have you read the report that was done by the Water Management Board? Senator Scofield, will you answer a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, would you respond, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I have read the report, Senator Schmit, and have followed up with Mr. Cook and after some further discussion even he was willing to admit that some of that information that they did as background is not packaged any way that a legislator could reasonably be expected to use it to make policy choices.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I don't know, maybe Mr. Cook doesn't have the same high confidence in the intelligence of the Legislature that I have, but I think that it makes sense to me and I think it makes sense to most of us. But the National Conference of State Legislators, that we kick \$53,000 a year into, have done a number of studies and one of them says reallocating of western water, equity, efficiency in the role of legislation, enhancing water values, proposed legislation for western water use, there's a number of articles out there already. There are law review articles. There are pending court cases, there are other cases. I don't know of any national authority on water at the College of Law. Senator Lamb, is there a...would you yield to a question, please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, would you respond, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, he's not here. Does anyone know, is there a national authority on water law at the College of Law? No takers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield wants to...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Maybe Senator Scofield.