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PRESIDENT: Would you respond, Senator Scofield, please? Senator Schmit asked you a question.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I believe I did. I said I have no idea.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, Senator Warner, would you answer the question, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Warner, do you know if there was a specific appropriation to Mr. Thorson and to Mr. Harnsberger or to the College of Law to finance the publication of that book?

SENATOR WARNER: I would not recall, Senator Schmit, if that was an appropriation or not. I would assume...I'd like to just get an answer to the question, I wouldn't know.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I believe the answer is obvious. There was no appropriation for the financing of that book. There doesn't need to be an appropriation. Two fine professors decide to put together a book. They are employees of the College of Law. They know what they're talking about. They put together a book. You can do the same thing here without the 25,000 and I can guarantee you that if it's a necessary piece of work, it will get done. If it's a popular piece of work, the people at the College of Law are capable of understanding public opinion and public interests and they will put it together and they will do it. If you just want to Santa Claus the College of Law for another 25,000, then you can vote against this amendment. But remember, ladies and gentlemen, maybe you're all going to get all of your little projects financed this year, I don't know, but most of you will be here long enough to find the time when you're not going to get 25,000 or 250,000 for some project you think is desirable. In this instance you do not need the money. You may have the bill. If you want the bill, fine. I don't think you need the bill, but you don't need the money and you ought to strike the inaccurate language. And I regret that language is in there and I resent the fact that there is an implication that the previous study didn't consider all aspects of the water transfers. I'm going to make one more comment. From my point of view we talk a lot about water management and a lot about water resources, about the great value of water, but we put very little money into the management