

of that resource. We're entering a dry period. The time will come on this floor when most of you will know and learn that we are too little and too late in the area of water management resource funds. But we're going to spend, we're going to spend money on a lot of other necessary items and I support most of them, but the development and the conservation of water as a resource is a long-range investment. You spend \$25,000 here to satisfy the egos of a few people, and I don't mean on this floor, when we do not have the courage and the conviction to spend the kind of money necessary to make a long-term commitment...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to the conservation and development of a resource that is irreplaceable once it's lost. Ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit was closing and the question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Pardon me?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I want a record vote on that.

PRESIDENT: Okay, a record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1798-99 of the Legislative Journal.) 8 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Schmit amendment fails. Anything else on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, did you wish to discuss the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, I would simply like the opportunity to respond. I can now answer the question that