

future commit funds toward water impoundment projects toward trying to preserve water in the state in a way in which I think we're going to need as drought years continue. And as I said to Senator Chizek not long ago, the attitude many times of folks in this state, both in farming and outside of farming, is that the water has always been there and it's always going to be there in the future and that is simply not the case. As we continue to withdraw from the aquifer, either for irrigation purposes or domestic purposes or industrial purposes, we're going to draw down on that aquifer and we're going to need projects in this state across the state to help replenish that aquifer. It has been proven by studies being done by many different entities that recharge projects do work and that I think it would be a wise investment for the state, and I accentuate investment by the state, to move forward in addressing this very serious problem that Nebraska in the future is going to have. Many times we pass legislation in this body that the impact of that legislation is never felt for 10, 20 years down the road. Taking steps here in 1989 may well not prove out to us until the twenty-first century, but the investment we make, potentially this year or next, I think will help preserve water quality and quantity in this state which will benefit the future of our state and I guess I would just ask the body to consider adopting Senator Schmit's amendment, keeping in their mind that authorizing legislation would have to be adopted either next year or the year after or this year yet with some vehicle that we can find to actually get the basic approval to expend the funds. So, as I said, if Senator Schmit decides to proceed with the amendment, I would like to see the body go on record to try and address this growing problem and I think it's going to be a serious problem as we head closer to the twenty-first century.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senators Moore and Lamb are announcing two guests under the south balcony from Dunning, Nebraska, Shawn and Lori Zutavern. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed. Thank you. We're pleased to have you with us this morning. Senator Warner, additional discussion.

**SENATOR WARNER:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, conceptually, at least, what is contained in here was the thought I had at the public hearing. I didn't quite make it plain the first time. And it was for a very limited purpose. This amendment goes much broader. It talks about for both local and private funds and the whole presentation of, in part, that we were listening to that day, was the inability for Nebraska to