

Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I understand the concerns of the Speaker and I believe that in this instance I am going to vote to bracket the bill and hope that perhaps we can resolve some of the differences in the next few days and see how much money we have got left. I agree with Senator Lamb also, a trailer bill ought to trailer along, and now I hope I don't regret this but I am going to give the rest of my time to Senator Haberman.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Schmit. I am going to go back a few years because I am older than some of the people that are speaking, and my daddy told me that a bird in the hand is worth two in a bush. So we have before us the opportunity to take \$18 million for education. Now some people are saying we cannot let the school boards handle this money because they may not handle it the way we want them to. Yet by the same token, we give the University of Nebraska \$200 million and we say spend it the way you want to. Yeah, spend it the way you want to, University Board of Regents. Here is the money. You spend it but that we can't come down and trust the school boards with \$18 million. That really doesn't add up in my mind. Now they say, wait until Monday, bracket it until Monday. One year when I was down here, folks, in thirty minutes, in a thirty-minute span we took the sales on food, we took triple trailers, and we took two other bills, and in thirty minutes, all of them went. The sales tax on food went out the windows. Senator Schmit's triple trailers was passed, and everybody got their piece of cake in thirty minutes. So, we are saying here, let's wait until Monday, let's wait till Monday, something is going to happen on Monday. Maybe the sun won't come up or maybe it will come up in the west, in the east, in the north and the south. So I am saying to you, if you have the opportunity, in my opinion, to take \$18 million for state aid to education, take it, and take it now because you may never get the chance again. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Is Senator Withem here? Disappear.