

hamper the free press. They have enough trouble getting the word out as it is, especially in an accurate manner. But the problem is this, we don't want to address the issue on an equal basis. If you were to listen to the order of priorities of important issues in the State of Nebraska today based upon what the free press, so to speak, talks about, you'd think the Two Forks Dam was the most important issue. Well, right now, it is basketball. In the fall, it is football. Up in Senator Lamb's territory, it is the Niobrara River. Right now, this morning, again, it is the least tern and piping plover who need some water from the McConaughy Dam, which if it wasn't there, they couldn't get the water anyway. We have a bunch of issues which are not the major issues, and we do not spend our time on this floor in a manner which will guarantee an adequate education for children at a price you can afford, an adequate income, an opportunity for a job, and adequate health care at a price you can afford. Those are the issues we ought to be talking about. We spend most of our time, we spent all day yesterday on consent calendar on Select File with a bunch of trash bills that ought to have gone, been disposable the first time they came up.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: One or two of mine included. We do it in reverse. We can't address a revenue bill, we can't address a budget bill, but we can spend a whole devil of a lot of time on bills which don't amount to very much, in all due respect. There is a way to address the solid waste issue and that is through the Department of Environmental Control with a General Fund appropriation and assign responsibilities and obligations and make it work. But I do not appreciate and I do not support the piecemeal approach, but if you are going to buy that, then I support Senator Hefner's approach because you just as well, you have got to put them on there one at a time. And so, therefore, I still support his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please, followed by Senator Chizek.

SENATOR LAMB: Call the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.