

and gentlemen, when 1,600,000 people in this state can only support a finite amount of government investment; and I can tell you very frankly that once you get west of Highway 77 and maybe south of 30, there's an awful lot of people up there who do not earn that kind of money, probably south of Highway 20. And I know that Senator Scofield is sincere. I know she is concerned. I will hear from Senator Langford about the terrible need out there. Senator Langford, I don't blame you, you have your responsibility to your district, but there is also a responsibility to the State of Nebraska. And I know there will be those who will say that Schmit's got sour grapes in his mouth, and possibly so. But, ladies and gentlemen, you can't cut down the tree and have it bear fruit. We continually cut down the tree and we are not going to have any fruit. I mentioned yesterday on this floor that the power districts have spent \$11 million arguing over whether or not they can relicense the power plant at McConaughy. No one knows about it. You couldn't get \$11 million put into the Water Development Fund if I begged all of you on my hands and knees.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You couldn't get 2.9 million voted for the Research Center at Mead on a bet, but we can spend 4.5 million on a museum, and it's a very desirable museum, no doubt about it, and we're going to spend 3 million bucks here going to four or five, and we are not going to have the basic income to support it. Ladies and gentlemen, I think you'd better take a look at it. Some of you will be here when you have to figure out a way to fund it, and some of us will not be and maybe it is just as well if I'm not because it is going to be more and more difficult to do so. I think you're making a mistake, particularly you're making a mistake to amend the bill from a \$30,000 potato specialist, or a \$50,000 potato specialist to a \$30,000 study which we know will grow to a 3 million, 4 million, \$5 million building.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It's not honest. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Warner, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, you know, I