

It's only a question of funds source. So for today, again, I'd say I'd probably will be supportive of adoption of the amendment, but I think we need to give further thought to not binding ourselves to plants who do not exist in order to keep our word for plants that do. And if it constitutionally can be separated, I think it probably ought to be. With that, I, too, would like to see some permanency to this policy, but I don't think that permanency is ever going to occur unless we...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...simply stop with a substantive program.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Before we proceed we have some guests of Senator Hillman in the south balcony. They are the eighth graders and their teacher from Cedar Canyon School at Gering, Nebraska. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, during the 20 years that I've worked on this program I've had a lot of opposition. It's ironic that sometimes my most difficult hours have come from supporters of the program, well intentioned individuals who want to help and who, I believe, in the course of that help from time to time have helped establish a policy which is not necessarily in keeping with what at least, and I can only speak for myself, I had intended when we started out on this road 20 years ago. Actually, it's been 35 years that I've been working on this program. That's quite a little while. We talk about permanency and we do not have permanency in any one phase of government. We are talking about tax policy this morning and we will continue to do so, but this Legislature this year will revoke tax policies of the year previous and the year before that. And we are going to totally wipe out, if I understand things correctly, some of the major tax incentives we gave to people in 1987 and those tax incentives will amount to hundreds of millions of dollars perhaps and are certainly going to involve contracts. Number two, I know better than anybody on this floor the impact of legislative impact upon businesses or industries and how adversely that can impact an individual. Last, I want to just say also that there is always talk about this being a subsidy. I told one of my good friends in the oil industry, this country just spent \$50 billion in cooperation with other nations to basically protect the Middle Eastern oil