

to the Wyoming folks and say, listen, we didn't even put any money in there for litigation. We are so confident that we're going to settle this. I'll tell you what, ladies and gentlemen, I've farmed all my life. I've had neighbors all around. I've had good neighbors. I could fight with any one of them on any day of the year over a fence line, over cattle, over water runoff, whatever you want. You know what, it's a lot easier not to fight. It's a lot easier to get along. And a good friend of mine who is an attorney said, people pay me to keep them out of court. Well, I think we ought to try to stay out of court. We ought not to try to be inclined toward litigation. The other facts are these and I've settled cases on this...on this basis. We can't outspend them. We can't outspend them. And you know what's going to happen? We're going to finance both sides of the lawsuit because all they do is put a little higher charge on the...on the coal they ship down here to us and we pay both sides. We pay, not once, we pay twice and we pay again and again and again. More than that, I think it might well be the start of some sort of reasonable water policy with a neighboring state.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We have alienated South Dakota. We have alienated Colorado. Why not try...we have two Governors, both of the same political party, in these states, both of them reasonable people, we have I think an excellent Water Resources Director in Mr. Jess. I don't know Mr. Fassett but I think he's intelligent. I think they ought to say, let's sit down and settle this one, we've got plenty of other things to argue about and this is the way to go. I guarantee you that if you leave the money in the pot, ladies and gentlemen, a lot of it's going to get spent and I don't think it's necessary. I ask you to support the amendment. I appreciate the Appropriations Committee's generosity, but I think you've got a better place to spend the money. I can think of several myself.

SPEAKER BAACK: The next speaker I have is Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise only because I want to interject on the topic of negotiations the subject matter that Senator Schmit brings about, tell a couple of stories and make a suggestion along this line because he raises some excellent and interesting points. But, as far as negotiation theory goes, I guess the best story I