

have some more questions. I think it's important that we know that we have an individual appointed, I believe, by the federal court. Is that right, Senator Moore? We call him a special master. I don't even like the name.

SENATOR MOORE: U.S. Supreme Court, yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: U.S. Supreme Court appointed the special master. And we're trying to find out just exactly how that gentleman operates and to whom he is responsible, and how he bills the State of Nebraska, and, of course, Wyoming. Does he work by the hour, Senator Moore, or does he work by the job, or does he work by the month, or how does he work?

SENATOR MOORE: I cannot give you that answer off the top of my head, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Moore, when the Department of Water Resources came before the Appropriations Committee did they provide to the committee information as to how much money they expected to have to spend on the special master for the next biennium?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, as I said, if my memory serves me correctly, it was \$500,000 next year.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Next year, for one year.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you.

SENATOR MOORE: If I'm wrong...if I'm incorrect, I will correct that later.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, I want to call your attention to the fact that the special master in the Deer Creek litigation has been apparently appropriated for the purposes of one year, \$500,000. Now I don't know, Senator Moore, if that's full time, or if that's part time. I don't know if that is by the hour, by the day, by the month, or by the job.

SENATOR MOORE: By the hour.