

SENATOR SCHMIT: By the hour. How much does he get by the hour?

SENATOR MOORE: I don't know that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, the average lawyer doesn't work very many hours a day, does he, Pat? How many hours?

SENATOR MOORE: (Laugh.) You're asking the wrong lawyer.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Twenty, Pat said. Ladies and gentlemen, if he works 40 hours a week, he'd have a couple thousand hours in in the course of a year's time. A couple thousand hours at 500,000 grand is 250 bucks an hour. Now I don't think he's going to work 2,000 hours. And I guess I'm a little bit...I'm upset that I hear all of this rumble behind me when we are talking about the expenditure of hard-earned dollars by the...of taxpayer money, and we act like Schmit is an idiot to stand up here and question it. Now I questioned it before, and I'm going to question it again, not just because of the 500,000. I would be glad to pay that, if that was the last cost. Unfortunately, it is not the last cost. The cost continues and continues. Any lawyer worth his fee knows how to generate more fees, and that is exactly what we will see happen here. There is no one that really referees this fight. The Supreme Court of the United States, do you think they worry? What is \$500,000 to the Supreme Court of the United States? Peanuts, doesn't amount to anything. Number two, Wyoming can outbid us on this, they have told us so, and we know they can. We know that their part of the lawsuit is financed by the surcharge on the coal that we haul to Nebraska, and so we pay both sides. Worse than that is the fact that there isn't any real reason why, if Governor Nelson is talking in good faith, and I believe he is, if Governor Sullivan is acting in good faith, and I believe he is, and the appropriate committees of both states, and the engineers of both states are acting in good faith, why they don't just get on the phone, set a date and finalize what we were told six months ago was acceptable. The Wyoming Legislature, and excuse me if I am arrogant about it, but the Wyoming Legislature, who we met with, represent the people, and they said this sounds like a good deal. The proposal made by Mr. Jess, our engineer, why didn't we hear about it? The reason they didn't hear about it was their engineer had never told the Wyoming legislators, nor to my knowledge had he told the Governor, and so as a result we continue the fight. Ladies and gentlemen, the way to stop the fight is to stop the money. But most of all, it is