

to Mike Jess, if you talk to the Governor's office, they're not going to spend more money than they need to. And it seems to me by lowering this appropriations down to \$300,000, or any other amount, simply means that Nebraska is going to give up when we're almost on the verge of having a significant success in this area. And I think we'd be making a serious mistake to acquiesce at this point and to give up. And my final point is, if we really on the verge of an agreement without this type of expenditure of money, why haven't we heard from Wyoming? And I will pursue that again, if necessary, why have we not heard a response from Wyoming? Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President, members, you know Senator Schmit had asked me a couple of questions. And Senator Wehrbein responded to part of them, and also people need to understand that we don't pay the total amount for the special master. Nebraska pays 40 percent of it, Wyoming pays 40 percent of it, and the federal government pays the other 20 percent. And, Senator Schmit, no, I cannot go into Lottie's, there in Bruno, and convince them why anybody is worth \$300 an hour. I'm not going to try and argue that one. But I would go into Lottie's in Bruno and argue about isn't it worth fighting a little bit over water and how much water flows through the Platte River, up... And I can't think if Bruno is north or south of the river, I'm not as familiar with your district as you are, Senator Schmit. I think I can go in and argue that one, and I think you can, too, Senator Schmit. Now it's another one of those things, I remember back when I was 14 and I had a new Suzuki dirt bike, and I was playing chicken with my friend, and I was the first one to chicken out and take a duck. And I got abused by all my other buddies there that day, and said what a wimp I was, and what a chicken I was, and it hurt a little bit, but there wasn't a whole lot at stake. And I could back out of that game of chicken, there wasn't a whole lot at stake, other than my pride, and that soon came back. Now, Senator Schmit, you're absolutely right, this may be somewhat of a senseless game of chicken, on a much larger scale we're involved in this issue as well. But you're talking about the issue of whether or not you're going to just back out. And I think even with the \$300,000 that you've appropriated in there, I do not think you have enough money to fulfill your obligations we've signed into with the U.S. Supreme Court. I think when you do not have enough money to do that, you thereby have to withdraw from the lawsuit and you lose, as