

simple as that, Senator Schmit. Now I know there have been proposals given to Wyoming that have been rejected. I know the Governor has...I understood the Governor has renewed some proposals as early as April, we've heard nothing back. Now, Senator Schmit, I know you can talk to several of your friends in Wyoming and they say, we don't care about this anymore. But, if they didn't care about it anymore, then why did they appropriate \$5 million this year? I would argue, at least in my definition of caring, that's caring a little bit when you want to spend \$5 million to protect it. I share Senator Schmit's frustration that this seems somewhat senseless. And he's the first one that wants to jump off the merry-go-round and say, I quit, you win. And if you're of the opinion that the Platte River water is not worth fighting over, then jump off the merry-go-round, as simple as that. On the other hand, if you're of the opinion that we really ought to try and win this case, while at the same time I concur with Senator Schmit that it makes a whole lot more sense for Wyoming and Nebraska to get together and solve it on our own, without spending \$300 an hour for a special master. I don't want to do that, nobody wants to do that. But that's the process, and until we change it, that's the process of these disputes. And until we come to our senses, Senator Schmit, and solve them without that process, that's the course we are in, unless we want to back out. There are many members of the body that say, you know we really ought to not spend this money, we really ought to solve it. And they think by listening to Senator Schmit we solve the problem. They'll sit us down and we'll come to a reasonable solution with the State of Wyoming. That may or may not be. My argument is if you do what Senator Schmit is talking about doing, you don't force Wyoming to the table. As Senator Morrissey so accurately stated last time, you know, you pull your gun away while they still have theirs. And we don't know what they're going to do. And all I can argue, Senator Schmit, is, yes, I can go to Lottie's in Bruno and say, fighting for our water rights is something that's important, but no, nobody is worth \$300. Until we find a better process, that's the cards we're dealt,...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...that's the cards we ought to play with. We ought to stand by this and try and find a way and give the Governor at least the backing to at least go to Wyoming, work on an agreement, knowing the appropriation is there, and in the worst case scenario, we have to go to battle in the courts,