

which doesn't make a lot of sense, Senator Schmit, I agree with you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Moore, I just want to say this, you can go to Lottie's, or any place else, and you can talk about the importance of fighting for our water. And I'll tell you what, Senator Moore, those good folks up there are going to know that they're being strung along, they're being strung along. They know it's not a fight over water, they know it's a make works project, that's all it is. It's a make works project, number one. Number two, if we were...if I brought an amendment to this floor and asked for that amount of money to build a dam to prevent the flooding that damaged Senator Wickersham's district, you would get up in your most eloquent manner, which you have learned very well and you have perfected, and you would say, we just don't have the bucks, we just don't have the money, it's a very worthwhile project but we don't have the money. Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Wickersham is going to try to tack a few million bucks on this proposal to repair the damage from flooding. We got all the antidam people over here, that's the whole project, we got antidam people, people that wouldn't dam a creek if they knew it was going to save their life tomorrow, and that's what the project is about, and you know as well as I do. It's not over water, it's over we don't want any dams. We whipped the Two Forks, we whip this one, we whip Plum Creek. Well, when you're standing hip deep, or belly deep, or shoulder deep, or nose deep in the flood water, it's too late to wish you would have built the dam. And, ladies and gentlemen, once you've spent the money, once you've spent the money it's too late, once you appropriated the money it's too late to wish you hadn't done so. Now Senator Moore says that Wyoming appropriated 5 million. Well, then, Senator Moore, if you want to go equal, battle equally, we ought to go at least 5 million. Would you accept an amendment to the amendment that says we'll raise the appropriation to 5 million, or better yet to 10 million, so we know we can outbid them? Senator Morrissey says don't take the gun way. If you've got an air gun at my head, and I've got a 30 caliber at yours, it's not very equal. You're messing around with 22 shorts against a 50 caliber. If you want to give equal for equal, raise the ante, throw in the bucks, caution to the winds. You don't want to do that. You want to have a token amount of money so the lawyers and the con