

SENATOR WARNER: Will Senator Moore yield.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I was told by Mr. Jess that so far we've spent \$613,214 in defending the rights and honor of the State of Nebraska thus far, and there is \$1,328,979, not counting Mr. Jess' time for standing in the lobby this afternoon, that is still left to be spent. Now would you tell me if those numbers correspond with your numbers, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I wouldn't know without looking, I need to reconcile these. But the carry over from last year to this year is \$398,969.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So you carried over three hundred and...in other words, we don't really know where we're at, do we? Ladies and gentlemen,...Thank you, Senator Moore, don't run away, if you will, please. I may have another question. I'm not faulting Senator Moore, because it is impossible for us to know these answers. And I don't fault the Appropriations Committee. What I'm saying is this, that on a matter as simple as the Deer Creek issue, and I want to point out also we're not fighting about 450,000 acre feet of water, we're talking about less than 10,000 acre feet of water. There is that much went down the White River in an hour, if not less, in the flood last week. And there is that much floated by Columbus, I would guess, in a very short time every day right now. We're not fighting about a lot of water. We're not even fighting about ordinary flows. We're discussing whether or not Wyoming should be able to fill the Deer Creek Reservoir with snow runoff and flood runoff. And we're fighting over it. And the whole reservoir won't cost \$4 million. And between the two states we've already spent that much money. And they're only going to fill it if there's a flood. The people don't know this. The people ought to know it. And if the people knew it, I would not be standing on this floor being ridiculed, by my good friends and colleagues, because I want to lay down and surrender. You show me a legitimate issue over which to fight, ladies and gentlemen, and I'm not afraid to vote red, if I'm the only man up there, the only vote there, or green, I've done it before. What I'm saying is that we have chosen an issue which isn't worth fighting over, which can be resolved and will be resolved. And if Jess knows he's got to resolve it, he can resolve it. He's a capable, qualified person and I have confidence in him. But I do not have confidence in attorneys and special masters and the federal government feeding the fire. And here we are today, we don't