

know how much money we really spent. Mr. Jess said we've spent 613,000 so far this year. I don't know what we've spent it on. The special master must have got a big chunk, other clerks and so forth get a lot of money, 200 to 250 an hour for clerks and associates, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, other lawyers. I guess the question I'm going to ask you is this, do you want to continue to appropriate money for purposes you don't need to feed the egos of people who do not need to be fed, under the guise of protecting Nebraska's water, when any time on this floor we have it within our power to save more water than that in a million ways. Most of all, ladies and gentlemen, I believe it's important that we convey to our neighboring states, particularly the upstream states who are our neighbors in the more arid areas,...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that we want to be good neighbors, because the day will come when the downstream states are going to use the same criteria against us when it comes time to build a project. And they're going to say we want that water, you can't stop it, et cetera, et cetera, and we're going to say, we need it here in Nebraska for industrial development, and they're going to say, let her flow. And Mr. Iams. I believe was his name, from the Environmental Protection Agency said, we will judge any request from Nebraska for a water project on the same basis that we judge the one in Colorado. Ladies and gentlemen, I hope you vote for the amendment. But, if you do not vote for the amendment, then I would suggest you're going to find it very, very difficult to save money anywhere else, because this has got to be one of the least commendable expenditures of funds that this Legislature is going to spend this year.

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Is there any further discussion? If not, Senator Schmit, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I will close. I was visiting, not too long ago, with Senator Carol Pirsch about the Crime Victim's Reparations Fund. It's a strange contrast that we can spend \$28 million for new penal facilities, and I think we spend 100,000 or so on the victims of crime. There's a young