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LB 181, 181A, 425, 511, 579A, 703, 703A, 719A
720, 825A, 840, 843

(re. LB 795). Enrollment and Review reports LB 719A to Select File; LB 511 to Select File with E & R amendments attached. LB 181, LB 181A, LB 425, LB 579A, LB 703, LB 703A, LB 720, LB 825A, and LB 840 all reported correctly engrossed, signed by Senator Will as E & R Chair. And confirmation report from Senator Landis as Chair of Banking Committee. (See pages 2342-60 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, the next amendment is by Senator Schmit. Senator, I have AM2002 in front of me. (See pages 2360-61 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is correct, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, yesterday we discussed at some length an amendment which I had proposed relative to the Deer Creek project which is being constructed in...proposed to be constructed in Wyoming and the litigation that is pending between Nebraska and Wyoming. We discussed at some length the wages of the federal master and the approximately \$400,000, give or take 100,000, that gentleman earns annually on this litigation, or at least that's what our expenses have been. I propose giving the Department of Water Resources \$300,000 per year because I believe, and I believe most of the people who have been involved with conversations between the two states will agree that the litigation can come to an end. I believe also that to appropriate substantial amounts of money is a waste of money. One after another, however, of my colleagues have told me that it is impossible for this state to fight Wyoming on an equal basis unless we appropriate the amount of money that had previously been appropriated. I asked Senator Moore how much money that Wyoming had appropriated and I was told \$5 million per year. I said, then how can you possibly fight on a bullet for bullet basis if you have much less than that? I, therefore, proposed an amendment that would give the Department of Water Resources \$5 million per year so that they can fight and squander money as recklessly as can Wyoming, remembering, of course, that Wyoming will be getting their money from the severance tax on coal which they ship to Nebraska. But if we're going to escalate the fight and promote economic development among lawyers and engineers and geologists, we just as well go full trial with them. No point in going half way. You never get an aircraft off the ground