

unless you wind the engine up and this ought to really wind it up and we ought to be all over the place and we can probably do almost as good as we are doing with the FERC relicensing on McConaughy where we have now spent somewhere between 14 and \$18 million arguing about whether or not to relicense a little 50-megawatt power plant. I want to find out what someone says about this amendment because I think that it doesn't make any sense to me. He says you're going to fight a war, you have to be equal and except that we are not equal. Now Senator Moore said, we are better shots and we don't need quite as heavy an ammunition as what does Wyoming because we're going to be more precise and be better shots. I just want to point out the fallacy, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, of what we are doing. The previous amendments offered by Senator Wesely are an indication of why a government grows and grows and grows and there are those who are impatient with myself, Senator Wesely and others who would "tamper" with the budget. Ladies and gentlemen, the reason this budget for General Funds has gone from several hundred million dollars when I first arrived here to \$3 billion for the biennium now is because of this very fact. No one on the floor wants to stand up and ask any questions and when one does, the Appropriations Committee and others realistically surround that budget with a protective shield and ward off any questions and give all the good reasons as to why it can't be tampered with and the budgets grow and grow and, therefore, we are also then faced with the necessity of trying to find new revenue and new schemes and new fees, new assessments with which we can extract money from the taxpayer. I told you before, I go back to Bellwood every night and I stop and visit with people along the way and I would not like to repeat some of the quotes that were given to me as I asked them what they thought of what we were doing, of what they thought of the Governor's tax program, what they thought of the constitutional amendment. None of them are flattering either to ourselves, to the Governor or to the institutions of government. The people are much better informed than we believe them to be. They know when they are being suckered and they know when money is being spent which we do not have for projects no one wants which we cannot afford. The proposed situation in Wyoming with Deer Creek is another example of government run amuck. It's an example of a big to-do over nothing and we can make as big a fight of it as we want to and we can spend a lot of money and we can hire a lot of lawyers and a lot of engineers and geologists and it doesn't create one drop of water. It does not reallocate one drop of water. Does not slow down the dissipation of