

dialogue with them this summer. And I think we have convinced them to come to Nebraska this year to meet with our committee and try and talk about the inland lakes issue, as well as the Deer Creek Project and, as I understand it, Mr. Jess has made a proposal to the Wyoming...his counterpart in Wyoming to, hopefully, solve the problem. There is a ruling that will be made by the Special Master in a month or so and we will know whether or not our position is right or not in this area. But I think, from my understanding, they are waiting to see what the Special Master will do before they will respond to Mr. Jess's proposal. But no matter what happens, I guess litigation, I think, is going to continue but I would also say that negotiation by this Legislature will continue as well because we have as much a vested interest in solving this problem as we do in stringing out the litigation for long periods of time and I am hoping, with the right people, we might be able to some day solve this problem. Now I don't know if Senator Schmit is right or not when he talks about ending any building of any new water projects. I hope that is not the case. We have all seen over the past decade how important water issues or water storage is to Nebraska. I think I read somewhere five out of the ten years in the 1980s Nebraska either suffered, part or all of the state suffered some kind of drought, and we realize how important water to our crops and to our citizens are, and we have to protect that water investment. But in a long story short, I guess my perspective is I, in sympathy, agree with what Senator Schmit is saying.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: On the other hand, I don't know if ending litigation on our side necessarily gains us anything in the process. It actually might hurt us, as we continue these negotiations between our two State Legislatures.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I will now recognize Senator Hall for a point of personal privilege before he speaks on this amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. You are having handed out to you now a list of some of the financing options with regard to LB 829 as I promised. I apologize they are not...or they weren't to you a little earlier today. We are going to have a meeting. It says twelve o'clock. We will do it at twelve-fifteen in Room 1520 after adjournment. I know that